

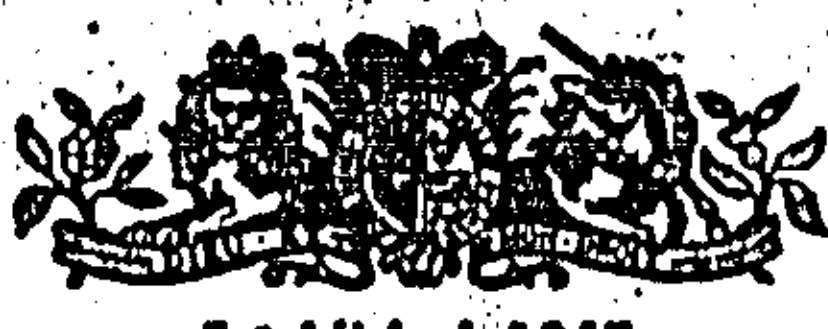
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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Dilemma

IF the Commons debate on Kenya can be judged by the tabloid reports received in Hongkong, it contributed little or nothing towards finding a quick and satisfactory solution to a complex and aggravating problem. The principal Opposition speaker appeared determined to try and score political points at the expense of logic and the Colonial Secretary had some justification for dismissing the speech as a "hotch potch of inconsistencies." Nevertheless, the gravity of the situation in Kenya needs to be fully appreciated. The position has changed from one of emergency to virtually a state of war, admitted Mr Lyttelton, which means that it has seriously deteriorated and calls for the strongest measures if it is to be composed with any degree of rapidity. The events of the past week illustrated that the Mau Mau terrorists have decided to attempt an all-out and indiscriminate campaign of violence. The immediate political objectives of the Mau Mau have been made subordinate, and the developments in Kenya bear a sharp resemblance to the course adopted by the Malayan terrorists.

In this respect Mr Reginald Paget, Opposition leader of the Commons debate, possessed some grounds for suggesting that General Templer should be sent to Kenya. Nor did Mr Lyttelton entirely dismiss the notion. General Templer's military leadership might well be the means of quickly suppressing the terrorist campaign which has now assumed such proportions that even a city such as Nairobi is threatened. But any such move involves deep considerations, not the least being the effect General Templer's transfer would have on the situation in Malaya. To the Federation and to Singapore his continued presence is deemed vital, and his withdrawal at this time undoubtedly could afford comfort to the enemy which he is so successfully fighting. His military task in Malaya is not yet wholly fulfilled and disastrous results might conceivably follow his removal from that command. Clearly the Imperial Government is confronted with a dilemma. A delicate weighing of eventualities would be required in determining whether to use General Templer in Kenya or to let him complete his task in Malaya.

MAU MAU GANGS PLAN FULL-SCALE UPRISING

Police, Troops Stand By For Action REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE IN KENYA

Nairobi, Apr. 4. Mau Mau gangs are planning a full-scale uprising in the Nairobi area some time next week, Government intelligence sources said here last night.

Documents which have fallen into police hands since last week's massacre of Kikuyu tribesmen loyal to the Government at Lari indicate that the anti-white secret society will strike within the next ten days, the sources said.

Information reaching security forces tended to suggest that terrorist leaders would attempt to make their big effort in Nairobi and diversionary demonstrations elsewhere either on Easter Monday or soon after Wednesday.

Wednesday is the day when the verdict is to be given in the trial of Jomo Kenyatta, President of the Kenya African Union, who with five others was charged with managing the Mau Mau society.

Mau Mau on Thursday night tried to attack the Royal Lodge, Queen Elizabeth's wedding gift from the colony on the Mount Kenya slopes. The attempt was foiled.

Sentries outside the empty house fired at Africans lurking beyond the walls and put them to flight.

Throughout this Easter holiday week-end African convict and labour gangs have been employed strengthening police and army posts with sandbags and barbed wire barricades.

All European regular and police reserve have been put on emergency "stand to" notice, ready to be rushed to areas where trouble might break out.

British reinforcements of the 1st Battalion of the Buffs and the Devons continued to arrive by air from Britain and were sent in lorry convoys to their camps at Molo and Thomson Falls.

Senior Army and police officers put finishing touches to their emergency operational plans to deal with any large scale Mau Mau attacks.

LEAVE CANCELLED

All Easter leave for troops, police and reservists was cancelled except for compassionate reasons.

British counter plans were based on a system of quick moving mobile squads of army and police ready to rush to areas where terrorists might be able to gather sufficient forces of Kikuyus to launch surprise attacks.

Four Harvard all-purpose planes flown from Southern Rhodesia a few days ago were being made ready for action.

Bombs and ammunition for their guns were being assembled.

The lack of quick and efficient communications between Nairobi and up-country areas is worrying the authorities, according to one senior police officer.

Throughout the six-month Mau Mau emergency police intelligence has been hampered by poor telephone and radio communications with outlying police posts.

News of a battle 25 miles from Nairobi took almost 24 hours to reach the police.

Intelligence sources here state that as close a watch as possible was being kept on Kikuyu reserves this weekend.

Jammed with families who have moved from European settled areas, the reserves were like tinder boxes ready to be ignited at any moment by terrorists urging the people to break out and attack European settlements.

HOPEFUL REPORTS

The only hopeful reports came from the Kilimamburi district, scene of last week's massacre, where reports of Kikuyu home guards and resistance groups hunting down and killing terrorists mounted. More and more reports reached Nairobi of angered Kikuyus determined to track down and killing or capturing terrorists and suspected Mau Mau adherents.

A Kenya Regiment officer, who returned here today from the Lari massacre area, said he believed the savagery displayed by the terrorists there had turned many wavering among the Kikuyus into staunch opponents of Mau Mau.

Major Hugh Fraser, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, has arrived in Nairobi to confer with Governor Sir Evelyn Baring and make a ten-day tour of Mau Mau areas.

In Nairobi city area, all the police have been instructed to "shoot to kill" if they see any suspicious assemblies of Africans and fail to get a quick and satisfactory answer to a first challenge.—Reuter.

DIG SWOOP

Nairobi, Apr. 3. Several hundred troops, police, and police reservists with armoured cars today swooped on an African location here and secured 7,000 Africans.

The Government forces, using mine detectors and police dogs spent five hours combing the Karlooka location, about a mile from the centre of Nairobi and near the raccourse where the Kenya Jockey Club's Easter Meeting is due to be held tomorrow.

Police headquarters here tonight said that 170 Kikuyus had been detained and sent back to the Nyeri reserve and a further 500 to the Embu reserve.

A further 3,000 Kikuyu men are being held overnight for "screening" headquarters said. Security forces clashed with numerous Mau Mau bands numbering ten and twenty men in various parts of Central Province today.

Reports reaching here tonight said that two gangs had been seen carrying sten guns and one tung spotted in the Doldoi area of Nanyuki district. The gangs were pursuing this gang in this forest.

Terrorists broke into a church of Scotland Mission school at Ndeza three miles from the Kikuyu Kilimamburi reserve north of Nairobi last night burning all the school textbooks and papers.

Security patrols operating today in the area of Dagoretto only six miles north of Nairobi captured an alleged Mau Mau leader named Simlan Njerore.—Reuter.

Factory Burnt Out

Nice, Apr. 3. Fire caused 20,000,000 francs (\$20,000) worth of damage when it destroyed a furniture factory and food store here today in the town's biggest blaze for 10 years.—Reuter.

Italian Elections In June

Premier Gasperi's Decision

Rome, Apr. 3. Premier Alcide De Gasperi has decided to seek the dissolution of both the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies and ask the Italian people to elect an entirely new Parliament on June 7, it was learned today.

Barring last minute objections from his political allies, the Premier will meet with his Cabinet shortly before noon on Saturday and then call on President Luigi Einaudi to make a formal request for the dissolution of Parliament, chosen in the turbulent elections of April 18, 1948.

Source close to the Premier said that there was "hardly a chance in a hundred" that De Gasperi's decision would be altered overnight.

Only elections for the new 500-Chamber of Deputies were scheduled for this year under the Constitution which prescribes five-year terms for the Chamber and six for the Senate.

The outbreak of Communist violence in the Senate last Sunday, however, convinced the Premier that the Upper House of Parliament has reached an impossible situation where the well organized Red minority would stop at nothing to frustrate the majority parties.—United Press.

"I Want To Die," Father Told

Dubuque, Iowa, Apr. 3. A handsome young American Marine, whom police allege has confessed to five murders, told his father in jail here today: "I want to die."

On Wednesday after being charged with a four-day killing spree, 18-year-old Fred Eugene McManus told the police: "I was in love and needed money."

A warrant for his arrest on a first degree murder charge was issued today by a judge at Rochester, New York.

The District Attorney there said the warrant was based on a confession McManus had made to a local sheriff following the finding of the body of a 19-year-old student.

Police say McManus admitted shooting three women and two men in holdups while he was on 10 days' leave. They brought him only \$57 (about \$220 sterling).

A 16-year-old blonde, Dianne Marie Wegeland, detained by the police, said she regarded herself as the youth's "wife" though they have not gone through any formal ceremony.—Reuter.

Clocks Go Forward One Hour Tonight

Standard Time in Hongkong ends, and Summertime begins at 3.30 tomorrow (Sunday) morning. You should, therefore, put your clocks ONE HOUR FORWARD when retiring tonight.

Encouraging Signs For Panmunjom Discussions

Munsan, Apr. 4. Signs multiplied today that the Communists may agree readily at Panmunjom to arrangements for trading sick and wounded prisoners of war.

There was no assurance of this in advance of the first meeting on Monday to work out the exchange.

But the latest Communist move in releasing 14 French civilians interned in Korea at the start of the war seems to fit into the pattern of world Communism's "peace offensive."

The French government said these 14 prisoners will arrive soon in Moscow.

The official spokesman for the United Nations truce delegation said this report is encouraging.

The latest move—coming on top of a series of conciliatory gestures from Moscow and Peking—generated a belief here that the Reds at Panmunjom will not throw up major obstacles in working out the promised exchange of disabled prisoners.

If they exchange these disabled POWs, the way would be cleared for reopening the long silent armistice negotiations, proposed by the Communists last Saturday and Monday.—Associated Press.

Reds Release Americans

Berlin, Apr. 3. The Soviets today released three Americans they arrested on the road to West Berlin after holding them for one hour and 45 minutes.

The Americans were released after United Nations officers conferred with Soviet officers.

The Americans—Master Sergeant John Albright, Sergeant Hugh Owens and Mrs Susie Owens—were arrested on a small stretch in East German territory which cuts across the road connecting the American sector of Berlin and the American check-point on the super-highway to the West.

The were arrested by a patrol of two armed Soviet soldiers and six Communist police when they halted their motorcar and went into the woods.—United Press.

Shell Explodes

Meknes, Apr. 3. One Moroccan workman was killed and six injured when a shell exploded today in a scrap metal yard at Meknes in Morocco.—Reuter.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"	By "The Turf"
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RACE 4 Seafire Every Day Jeep Lee Outsider: Armarant.	RACE 4 Seafire Jeep Lee Armarant Outsider: Allied Victory.
RACE 5 Double Coin Baylight Windermere Outsider: Good Bay.	RACE 5 Windermere Baylight Double Coin Outsider: Good Bay.
RACE 6 Skymaster Knock-Down Anna Outsider: Ben Lomond.	RACE 6 Skymaster Knock-Down Fire-Glo Outsider: Gold Medal.
RACE 7 Marine Charger Pearl of Hongkong Beautiful Lie Outsider: Beautiful Star.	RACE 7 Pearl of Hongkong Beautiful Star Beautiful Lie Outsider: Happy Returns.
RACE 8 Jeanne D'Arc Dark Fury Charleroi Outsider: Same Again.	RACE 8 Same Again Tune-Phone Dark Fury Outsider: Jeanne D'Arc.
RACE 9 Roue D'or Eudora Care Free Outsider: Laddie.	RACE 9 Eudora Reue D'or Fleet Admiral Outsider: Windchaser.
RACE 10 Lassie Evening View Ben Ledi Outsider: Royal Command.	RACE 10 Cordon Rouge Lassie Royal Command Outsider: Evening View.
RACE 11 Diana No Regrets Pegasus Outsider: Desire.	RACE 11 Diana No Regrets Queen Helen Outsider: Cleopatra.
RACE 12 Jorrocks Rider's Wish Strathpeffer Outsider: Desert Gold.	RACE 12 Rider's Wish Henrietta Bright Bay Outsider: Easy-Going.

Thieves At The Tower

London, Apr. 3. Thieves broke into the historic Tower of London early today but left empty handed.

A policeman saw two men carrying packages towards a car outside the tower. When he approached they threw down the packages and ran off.

In them the policeman found 4,000 cigarettes. He gave the alarm and a guardman searched the Tower. They found that the canteen of the Royal Fusiliers Regiment had been broken into and an unsuccessful attempt made to open the canteen safe.—Reuter.

RELAXING OF RESTRICTIONS

London, Apr. 4. Britain is recommending to Colonial Governments that they make limited relaxations on the present restrictions on the imports of Japanese goods both for their own needs and entry trade, it was announced on Saturday.

The announcement here said an agreement was reached in discussions in Tokyo about payments between Japan and the Sterling area.

It said the relaxation is directed towards maintenance at the present level of Japan's purchases from the Sterling area.—United Press.

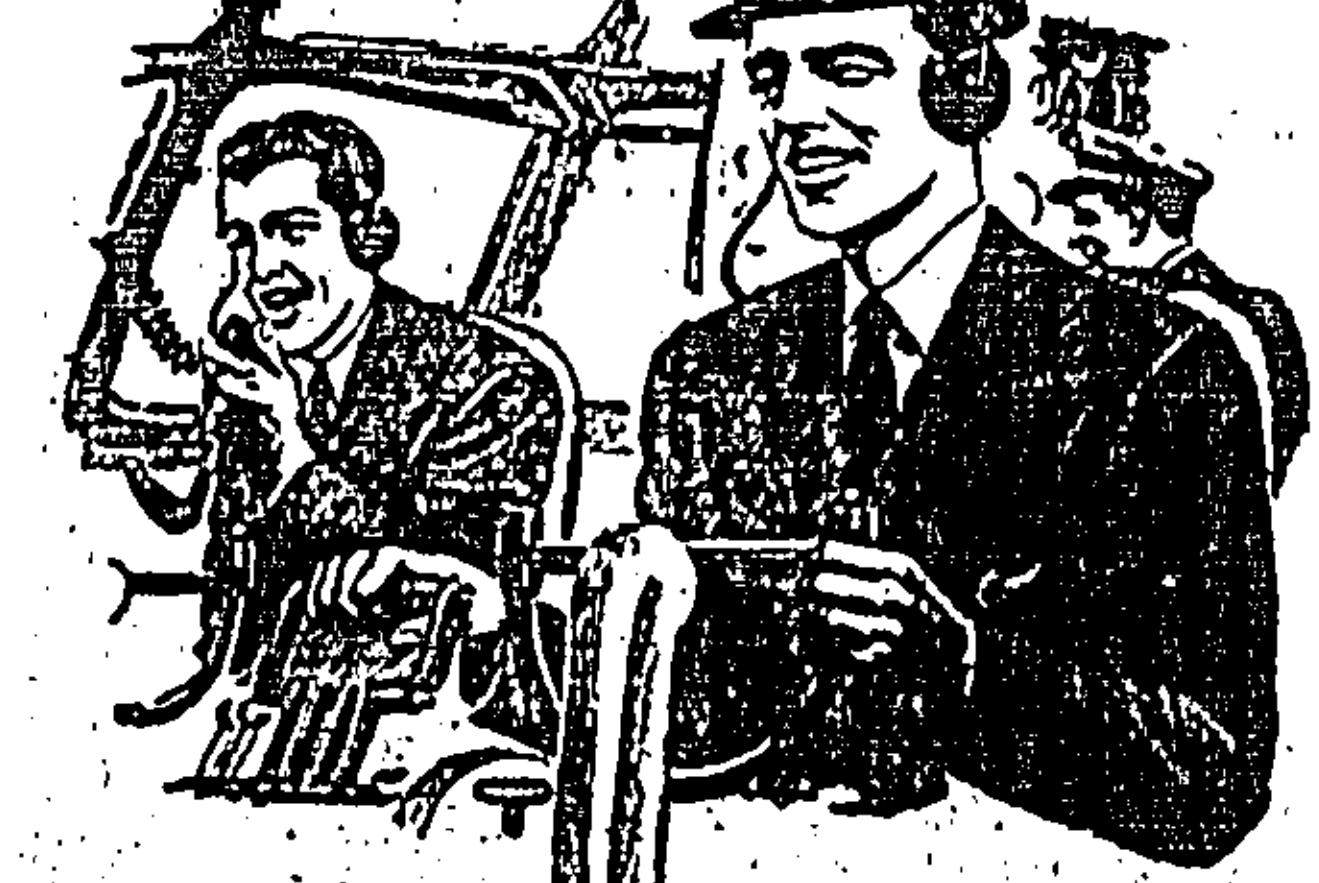
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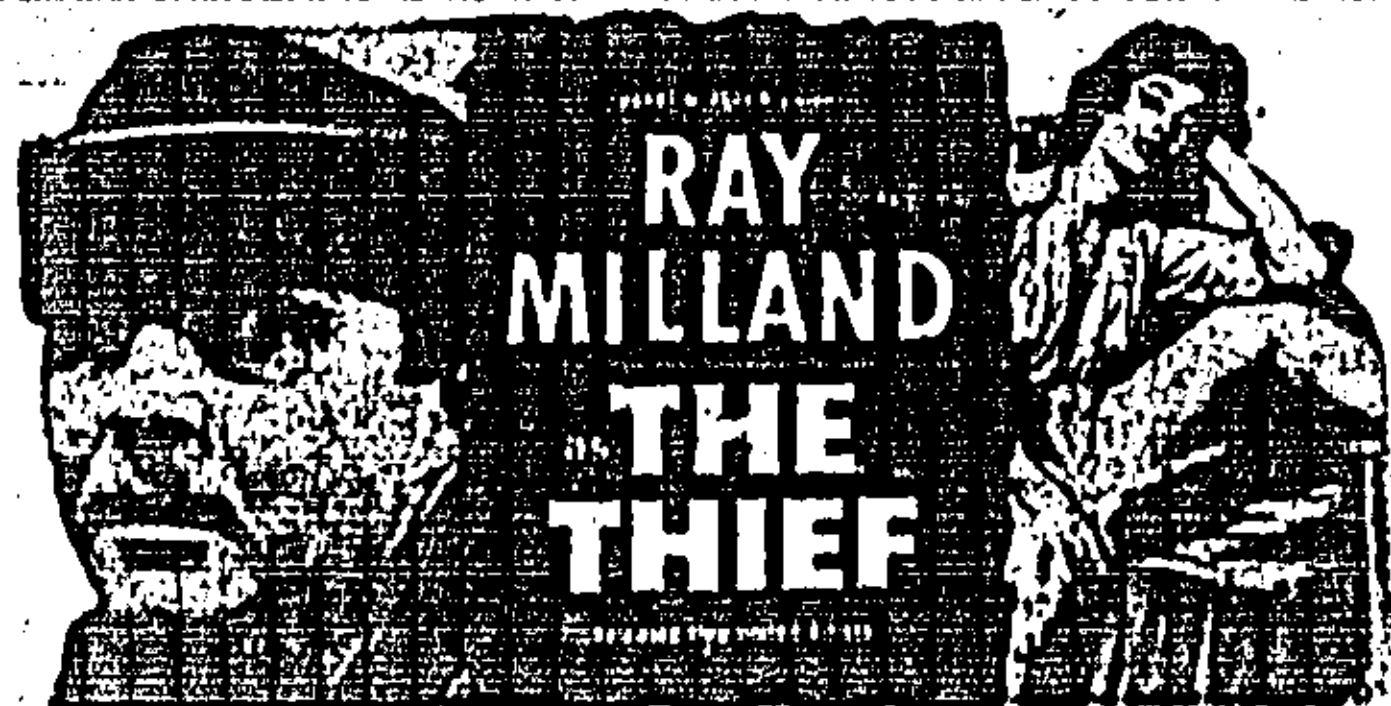
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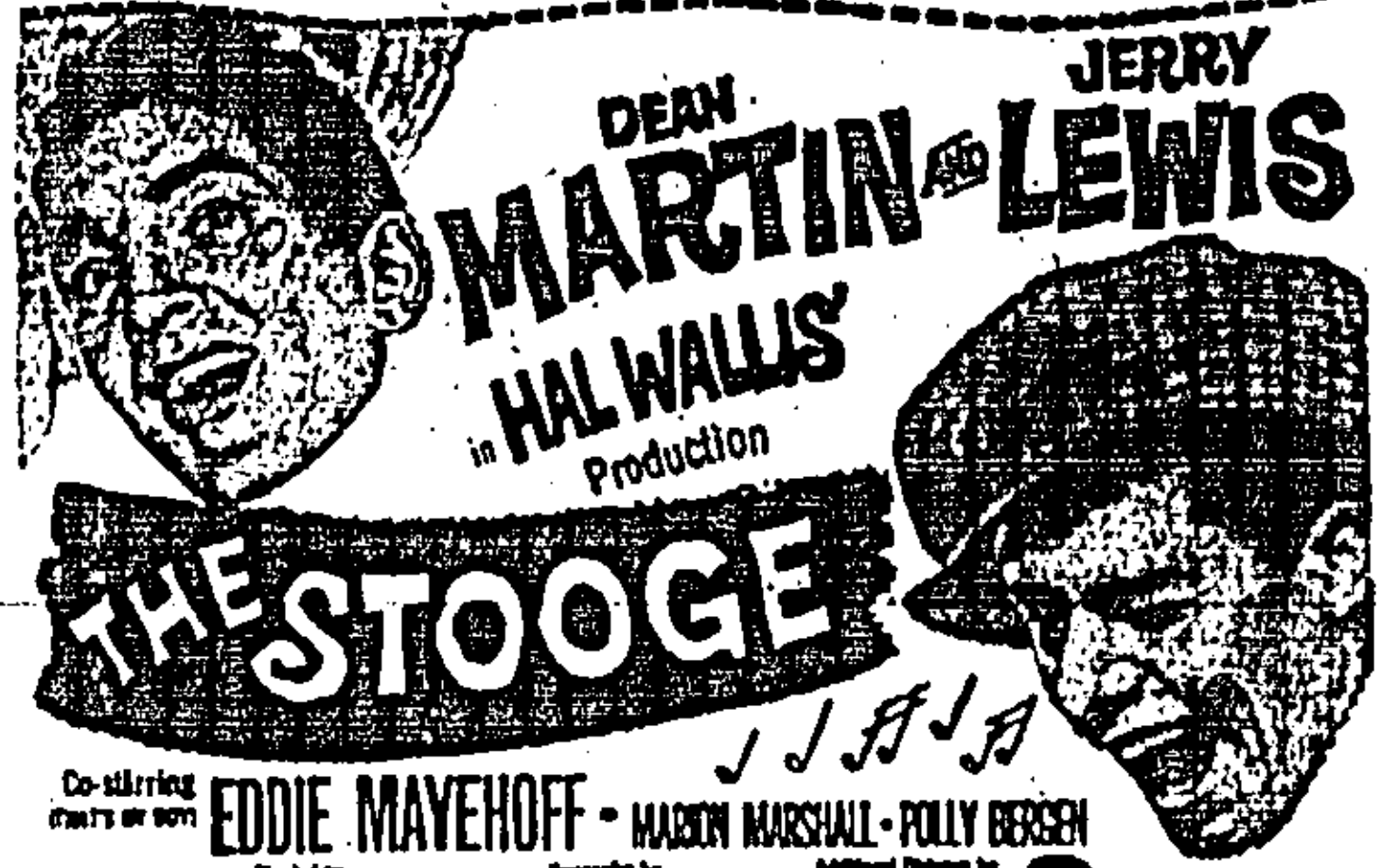
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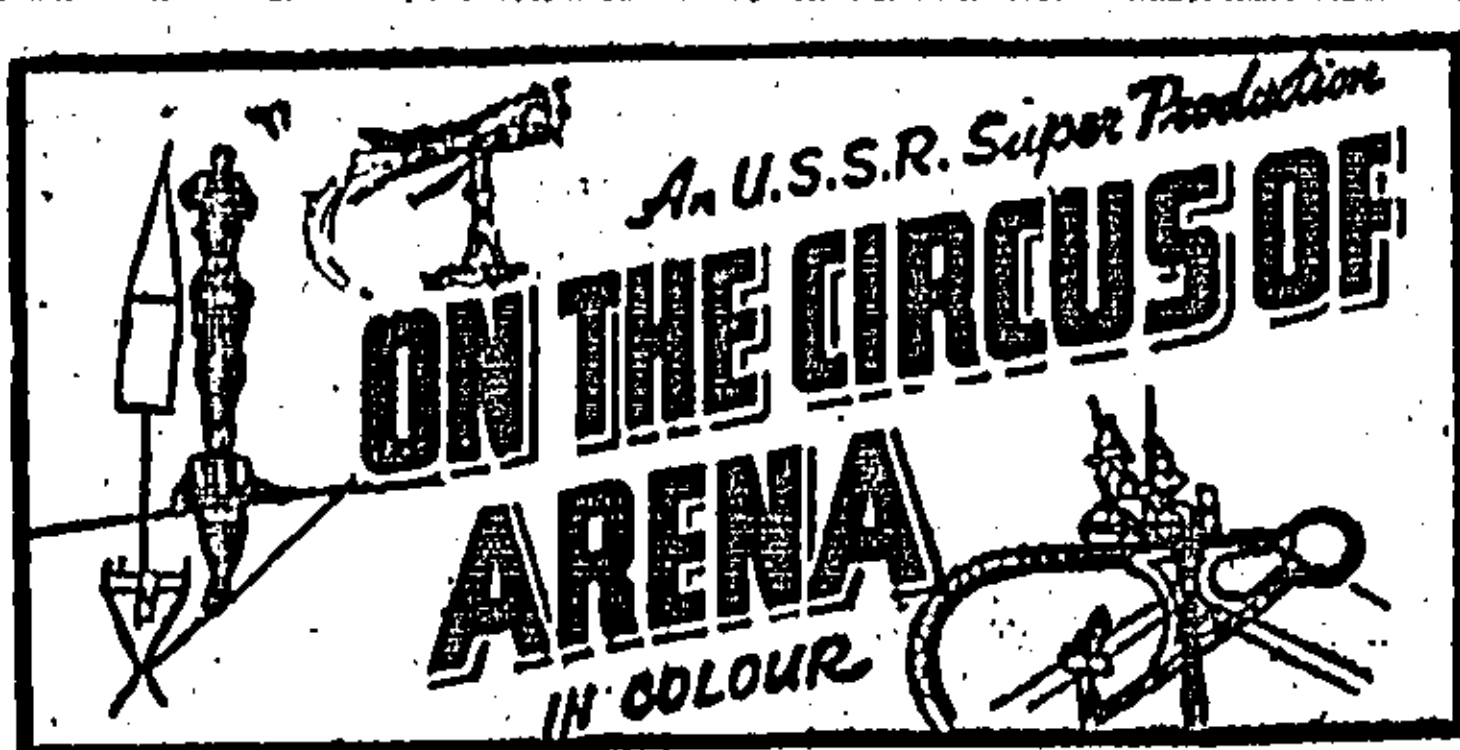
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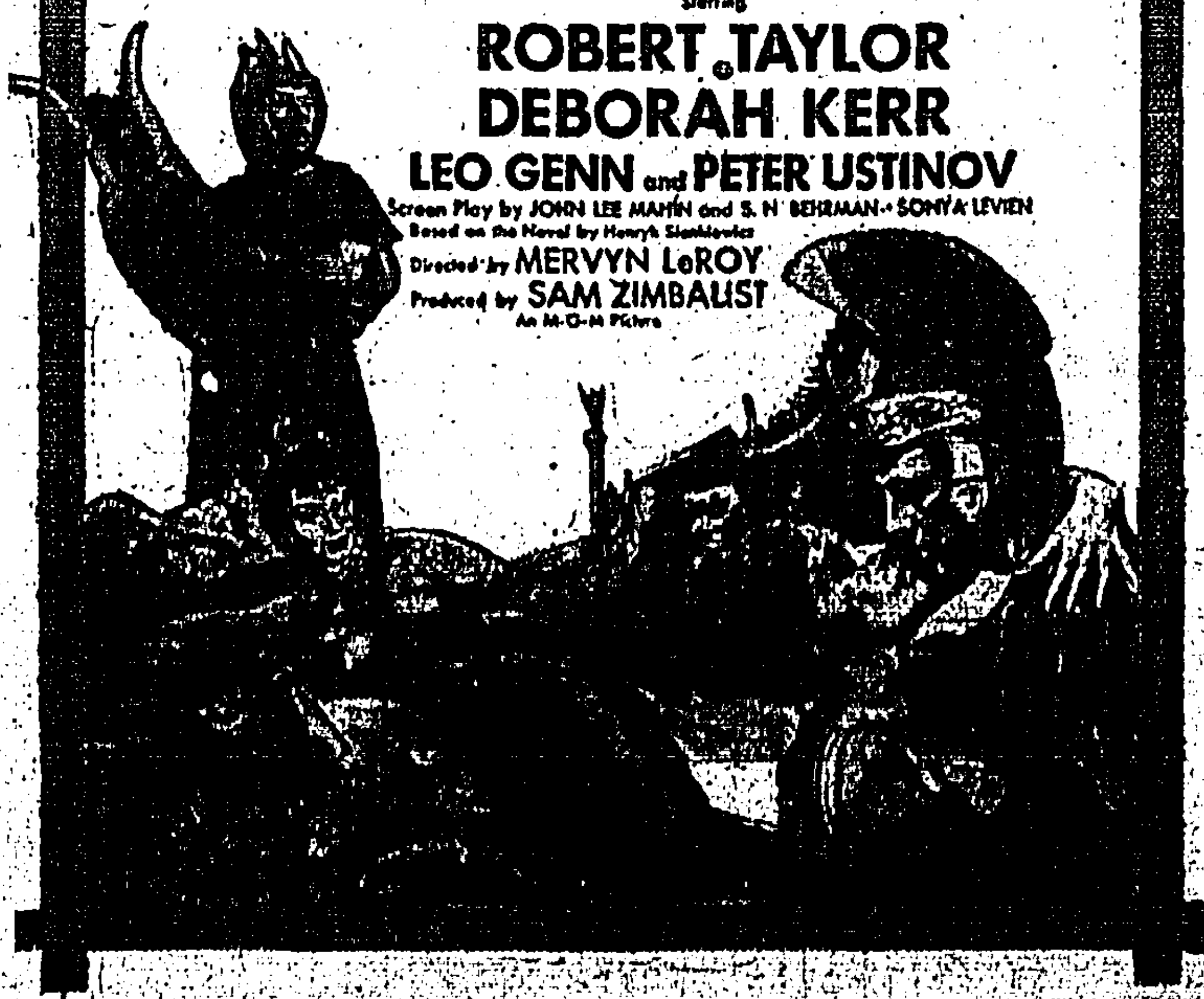
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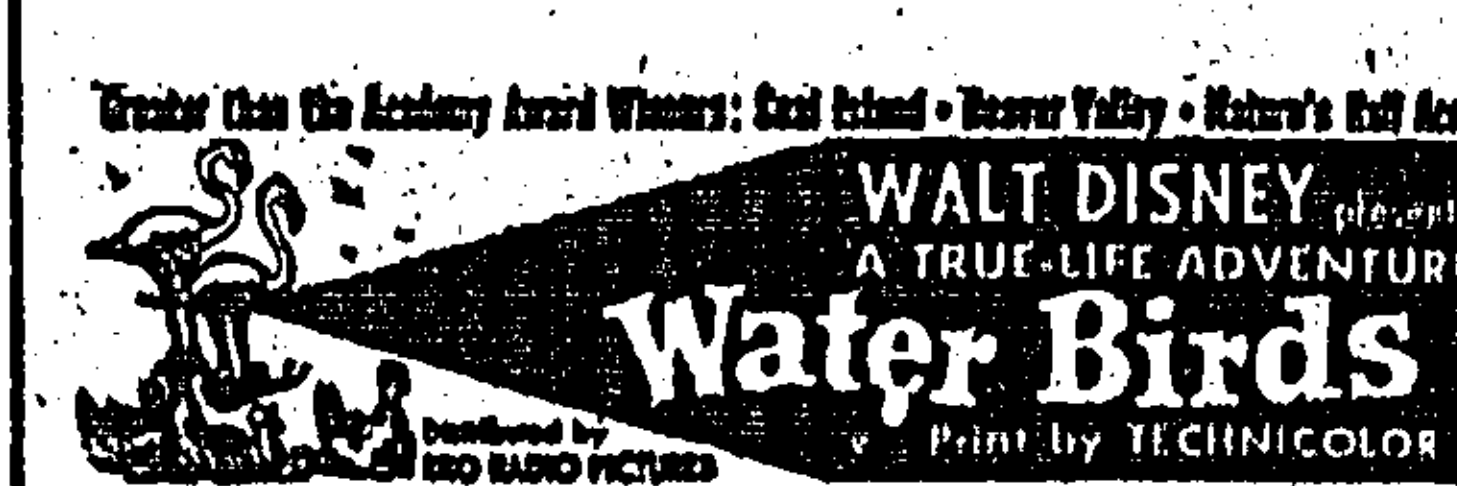
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LORD BURGHLEY, chairman of the British Olympic Committee, Lady Burghley (left) and Miss Pat Smythe, noted equestrienne, are seen talking together at a cocktail party held in London for the presentation of the Sportsman of the Year trophy, which this year was awarded to Len Hutton, Yorkshire and England cricketer. (Express)



COLONEL Robert McCormick, proprietor of the Anglophobe American newspaper, Chicago Tribune, is pictured here with his wife on their arrival at London Airport. They are on a holiday trip. (Express)



THE Westminster Abbey Choir has just had its first Coronation rehearsal in the Abbey Song School. Picture shows Sir William Walton directing the choristers in the Coronation Te Deum. (Express)

HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



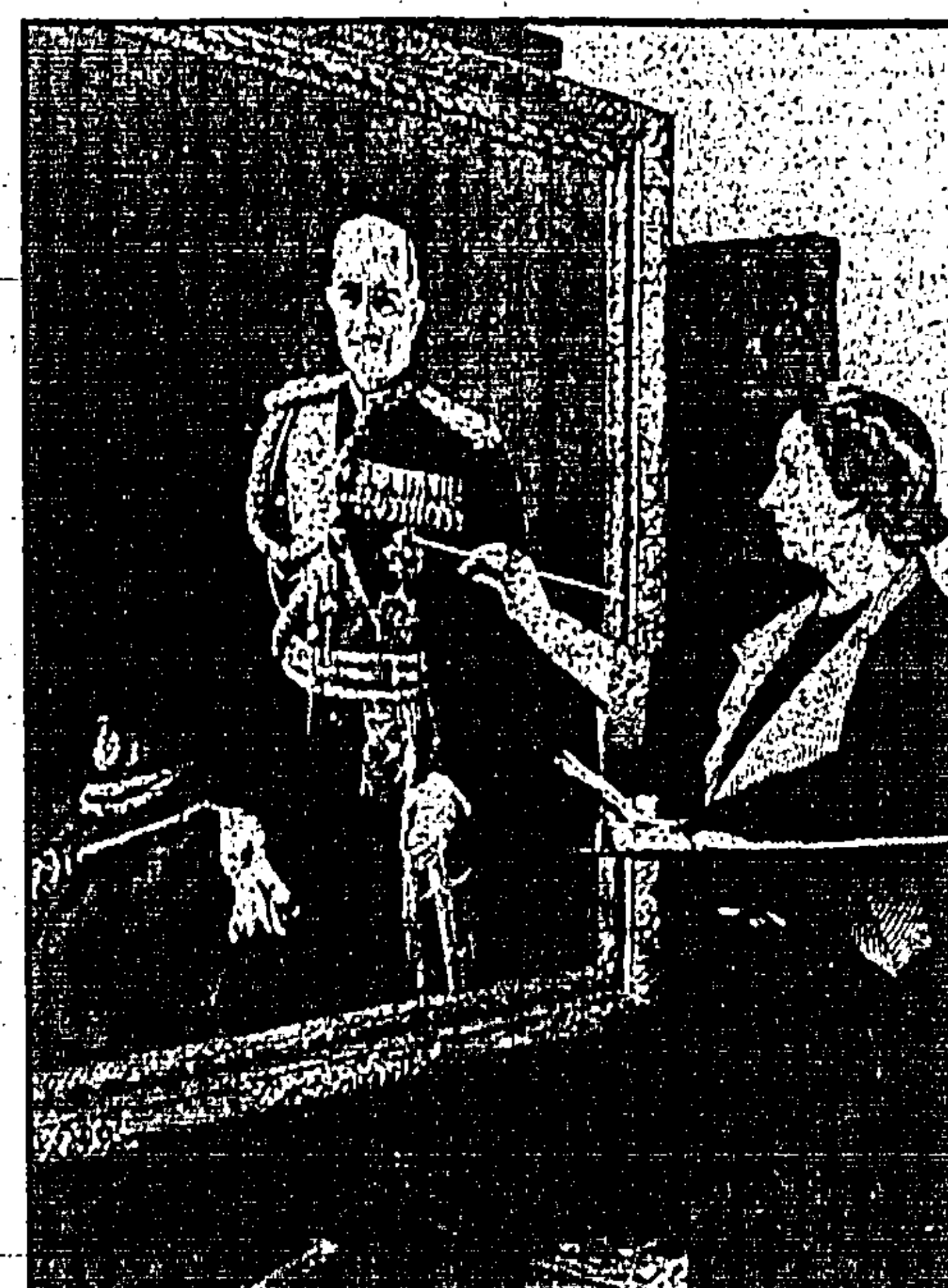
THE Queen stands before the famous painting by Franz Winterhalter of Queen Victoria, the Prince Consort and their children, which she has loaned to the Royal Academy exhibition, "Kings and Queens, AD 653-1953."



THE Duke of Edinburgh, wearing dark glasses, watching a demonstration by the Mortar Platoon of the 1st Bn, Royal Hampshire Regiment, at Soltau, in the British Zone of Germany, during his four-day visit to British Forces there.



MARIUS GORING as Richard III in his first appearance at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre. This was a part in which he had never appeared before, and the play itself had not been performed at Stratford for 14 years. (Central)



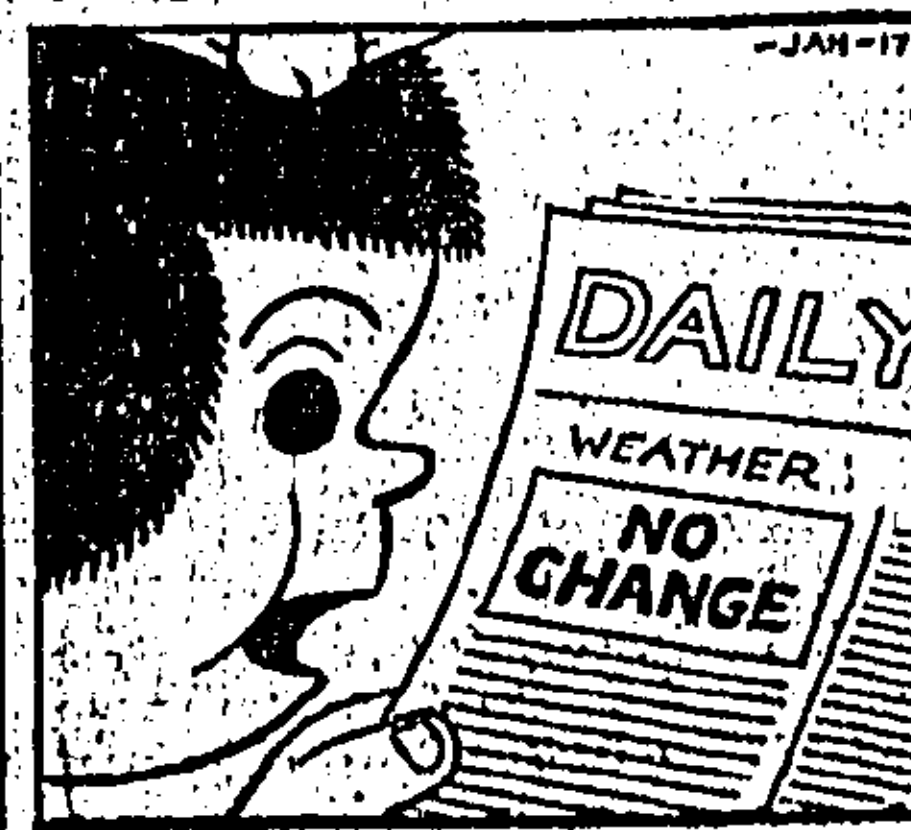
LEFT: Miss Margaret Lindsay Williams, of St John's Wood, who is famous for her portraits of Royalty, putting the finishing touches to her portrait of Field Marshal Sir William Slim.

BELOW: Her Majesty's State Coach pictured at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace. The coach, reconstructed for the Coronation, was built in 1761 under the supervision of Sir William Chambers, its designer.



NANCY The Daily Interpreter

By Ernie Bushmiller



Speculation Over US Policy In The Far East

Anyway, He Was Too Old

Singapore, Apr. 3. Mr. D. H. Chapman, City Magistrate, yesterday dismissed a case against an old man with a flowing white beard who was so old he could not remember his age.

Asked his age, the patriarch, Abdul Maud, told the Court: "I am very, very old. In fact, I don't know how old I am."

Mr. Chapman ruled that he was too old to be found guilty of obstructing traffic.—United Press.

Greece Denies Charges

McCarthy Accusation Rejected

Athens, Apr. 2. Greek official sources tonight rejected charges made in the United States that ships under the Greek flag had been calling at Communist China and North Korea ports.

"Not a single instance has been reported to us," Mr. Lambrinos Lambrianides, Minister of the Merchant Marine, stated.

(Senator Joseph McCarthy yesterday told the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, that Greek shipowners of 242 vessels had agreed, not to trade with Communist China or North Korea ports.

(Senator McCarthy, Chairman of a Senate investigating committee, said yesterday he had ordered subpoenas for five leading Greek shipowners to testify about a statement that they had not transported any cargo to Communist China or North Korea for at least two years. "The statement is not true," the Senator said.)

M. Lambrinos said tonight: "While we know that British, French, Italian and Swedish ships have been calling at Communist ports, not a single ship flying the Greek flag has been reported to have done so."

"A case of a time-chartered Greek vessel is being investigated, but the responsibilities lie with the charterers and not with the Greek owners."

Since March 17, the Greek Cabinet has adopted measures suggested by M. Lambrinos in enforcing heavy sanctions against shipowners defying the ban to call at Communist China ports.

The Prime Minister, Marshal Papagos, today appealed to Greek shipowners whose ships are under foreign flags to bring their ships under the Greek flag.—Reuter.

EISENHOWER'S VIEW

Washington, Apr. 2. President Eisenhower today said he did not consider that Senator Joseph McCarthy had undermined United States foreign policy by independently negotiating China trade agreements with Greek shipowners.

Mr. Eisenhower, at his weekly Press conference, said he could not see how Senator McCarthy could "negotiate" because the Senator did not have the power to negotiate, and therefore the question of undermining the constitutional process under which the President alone conducts foreign policy did not arise.

When it was pointed out to him that his Mutual Security Administrator, Mr. Harold Stassen, had accused Senator McCarthy at a recent meeting of undermining foreign policy, the President said he could not agree that the Senator was in fact undermining it.

He thought Mr. Stassen meant to use the word "infringement" rather than "undermining,"—Reuter.

Queuing Up For Attempts On Mount Everest

Katmandu, Apr. 2. Italy today joined the nations "queuing up" for attempts to conquer the world's highest mountain, 29,141-foot Everest.

The Nepal Government is reported to be considering her request to send an expedition in 1955.

In view of the heavy "backlog" on Everest and other Himalayan peaks, the Nepal Government is setting up a Government department to deal with the requests.

Nepal has already agreed to four attempts on Everest in the next two years—a British attempt this year and another in 1955, a French expedition next Spring, and a Swiss one next Autumn.

Asian circles in Washington believe that an armistice in Korea, if it is achieved, will force the United States to review the Far East policy.

Some Asian observers are already talking of profound changes at the expense, they say, of the South Koreans and Chinese Nationalists.

RUSSIANS RELEASE A BRITON

Moscow, Apr. 2. George Edward Robinson, 32-year-old British seaman, from Hull, imprisoned in Russia since October for "hoofing," was released from Moscow's Boutyrskaya Prison today.

A British Embassy spokesman said that he would spend tonight at the Embassy, which is arranging for him to leave by air for Berlin on Friday.

He is expected to go on by train to London.

Robinson was sentenced to a year's imprisonment by a People's Court at Omsk, near Archangel, in North Russia, last October.

He was one of the crew of the Swedish ship, Freden, when arrested.

He was released under the provisions of a general amnesty declared by the Supreme Soviet on March 27. He had served about six months of his sentence.

Reuter.

3-D Film For Singapore

Singapore, Apr. 3. Local movie-goers will get their first glimpse of the much-touted 3-D film this month.

Local movie promoters have announced that Malaya will be the third country in the world to see Hollywood's new three-dimensional movies—"the cinema of the future."

The Shaw Brothers Organisation announced that they had equipped Singapore's Capitol Theatre to show United Artists' full-length, 3-D colour feature "Bwana Devil," starring Robert Stack and Barbara Britton.—United Press.

Incident In Canal Zone

Cairo, Apr. 2. An Egyptian was killed and another wounded by British bullets in a rare incident in the Suez Canal zone last Sunday, a British spokesman revealed today.

He said that a British vehicle was forced off the road near Ismailia in the Canal Zone by an Egyptian truck with three occupants. The British promptly apprehended the Egyptians.

A spokesman said that one of the Egyptians attacking a British officer and a British non-commissioned officer opened fire on the Egyptian trio. The third Egyptian was handed over to the Egyptian Police, the spokesman said.—United Press.

Easter Amnesty

Trieste, Apr. 2. The Allied Military Government in the Anglo-American Zone of Trieste tonight granted an Easter pardon to 30 convicts serving sentences here for petty crimes.—Reuter.

Washington, Apr. 2.

Asian circles in Washington believe that an armistice in Korea, if it is achieved, will force the United States to review the Far East policy.

Some Asian observers are already talking of profound changes at the expense, they say, of the South Koreans and Chinese Nationalists.

The hopes of the Chinese Nationalists, according to these observers, are tied up with continuation, or better still, extension of the Korean war.

If fighting ends, a diplomatic offensive will very probably be launched by Communist countries for recognition of the Peking Government and its admission to the United Nations.

Britain, who has decided not to discuss the question as long as the Korean war lasts, would probably favour recognition and the United States would find it far more difficult to oppose it.

These are antipathetic events, the observers admit.

They say that the nomination of a Swedish as Secretary-General of the United Nations (Sweden has Ambassador at Peking) encourages the idea that Chinese Communist arguments will not fall on deaf ears.

FORMOSA'S FUTURE

They contend that in the event of an armistice in Korea, what will become of the promises the United States made to Nationalist China?

Furthermore, what will become of the dream of a Nationalist landing on the Chinese coast? Is it certain that the United States will continue to back it? Already voices are being raised that of the influential Washington Post for example, doubting the usefulness of raids carried out on Burmese territory by Chinese Nationalist elements, raids which seem to have led to a serious crisis in American-Burmese relations.

EXPERTS' THESIS

Will the United States sacrifice Formosa to the myth of Chinese Titoism and will the State Department finally adopt the thesis of certain experts on China who believe that the peace overtures of Mr. Chou En-lai have been provoked by deterioration in Sino-Soviet trade relations (they say China has not received from Russia all that she had been promised)?

All these questions are unanswered for the present, the observers admit, but in any case the conclusion is not at all favourable to the Formosan government nor to Dr. Syngman Rhee, they say.

The end of the Korean war will lead to easing of the present position if both sides want peace.

That will mean that the South Korean Government, even if it continues to get support from United Nations military forces, will not extend its authority to the Yalu and that the Chinese Nationalist government will have to content itself with remaining in Formosa.—France-Press.

Longest Ever Case Ends

London, Apr. 2.

The longest ever case at the Old Bailey ended today after a 41-day trial of nine men.

Their sentences, totalling 17 years and they were ordered to pay costs amounting to £16,250.

Two companies were told to pay £2,000 costs each.

They were all charged with diverting to the home market £70,000 worth of decorated confectionery intended for Britain's top priority export trade.—Reuter.

Commons Adjourns

London, Apr. 2. The House of Commons adjourned for Easter today. It will meet again on April 14 to hear the Budget speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler.—France-Press.

Greek King Visits Italy



King Paul of Greece, in Rome on a private visit, arrives at the Quirinal Palace where he was received by President Einaudi.—Express Photo.

Britain Accuses Saudi-Arabia Of Treaty Violation

London, Apr. 2.

Britain today charged that Saudi-Arabia had "destroyed the basis of the 1950 agreement on the frontiers of the Persian Gulf sheikdoms and, in a formal note handed over in Jeddah, has reserved complete freedom of action, it was officially announced."

The note, handed by the British envoy in Jeddah, Mr. G. C. Pelham, said Britain considered settlement of the frontier dispute at the Persian Gulf a "matter of urgency" and renewed an offer to submit the dispute to impartial arbitration.

The Minister of State, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, simultaneously told the House of Commons that Britain had decided to reserve complete freedom of action in regard to all matters covered by the 1951 boundaries agreement and the 1952 standstill agreement on Bureimi Oasis, whose possession is claimed by Saudi-Arabia.

Mr. Lloyd charged: "The representative of Saudi-Arabia, who improperly established himself in Bureimi Oasis, has continued, contrary to the standstill agreement, to exploit his position in Bureimi to pervert the peace of the tribes and further extension of Saudi influence over a wide area."

The British note also protested at "unwarranted incursions during the past few days of a Saudi official with an armed escort of some 40 men alleged to have twice penetrated far into Abu Dhabi territory, visited Bureimi and extended his visits to the South, where the presence of the force was unwelcome to the inhabitants."

Britain is in close consultation with the United States on the dispute, which originated last year and has since threatened to touch off a major conflict with Saudi-Arabia.

BRITISH STAND

Differences arose over the intrusion of a 40-man Saudi force into the Oasis of Bureimi on the border between the British-protected, tribal sheikdoms on the Persian Gulf—once known as the Pirate Coast—and the Sultanate of Muscat.

Britain considers that the oasis belongs partly to the ruler of Abu Dhabi, one of the tribal sheikhs, and partly comes under the authority of the Sultan of Muscat, and holds that for almost a century there has been no effective Saudi influence in the oasis.

Saudi-Arabia claims the oasis for her own and Britain charged, in her note to the Saudi Government, that its territorial claims are being continually increased.

Saudi-Arabia hitherto has rejected Britain's suggestions for settlement by impartial arbitration and has instead proposed a solution through plebiscite.

British officials said King Ibn Saud undertook under the 1951 agreement of friendship with Britain not to interfere with British territories along the Persian Gulf.

The frontiers between Saudi-Arabia and the British-protected tribal sheikdoms are, on the other hand, at present undefined.

Still Thrifty But It's Getting Harder

London, Apr. 2.

The Scots are still thrifty but are finding it more difficult these days to hang on to their money, official statistics showed today.

They have £193,000,000 to their credit in trustee savings banks—an average of nearly £40 for every man, woman and child in the country. But last year's withdrawals from Post Office savings banks and trustee banks together were greater than deposits.—Reuter.

Tunisian Issue Decision

Arab-Asian Move Next Week

United Nations, Apr. 2. The African-Asian group will probably submit a request to the Security Council next week to take up the Tunisian and Moroccan issues, a well-informed source said today.

The request will be sent to Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate, who is President of the Council for April under the monthly rotation system.

The decision to take the issues to the Council has already been made in principle, the source said.

The next move would be to establish a sub-committee on Monday or Tuesday of next week to draft the letter which will be sent on behalf of the group to M. Vyshinsky.

The Tunisian and Moroccan questions were before the first part of the present session of the Assembly.

In the face of a French boycott of the proceedings, the Assembly then approved a resolution which expressed confidence that France would endeavour to further the effective development of the free institutions of the Tunisian people, and expressed the hope that the parties would continue negotiations on an urgent basis with a view to bringing about self-government for Tunisia.

In the case of Morocco, the Assembly expressed confidence that France, in pursuance of its proclaimed policies, would "endeavour to further the fundamental liberties of the people of Morocco, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter."

Members of the African-Asian group, which originally brought the complaints regarding French rule in the two territories to the Assembly, have recently accused France of continuing to pursue alleged oppressive measures. They have also demanded to know what measures have been taken to meet the Assembly resolutions.—Reuter.

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The Coming County Cricket Season

Enthusiasm Abounds
In Warwickshire

By DENNIS HART

Success through fitness. That is the Warwickshire plan for gaining honours in the County Cricket Championship. And this year the Midlands side, noted for being one of the keenest in country, are intensifying their efforts.

The players report for training on April 7. This is a week later than usual owing to the Easter holiday, but still two weeks ahead of most clubs.

Awaiting them will be "the Dollery get fit programme." This is a training schedule devised by skipper Tom Dollery. It will include head-tennis, popular item in football training, sprinting, and deep fielding practice in chasing a cricket ball.

Normally the pre-season training is organised by the directors of Physical Training of Birmingham University. Last year W. J. Slater, England Amateur Captain, and Wolverhampton Wanderers player, was in charge. Club secretary Mr. Leslie

Deakins told me that they had made the change because getting cricketers up to peak fitness is a complex business. Ages of players vary from 16 to 40, so there can be no hard and fast training schedule for all. They must be treated individually.

"Although Tom's plan has been approved," Mr. Deakins added, "We don't know all that he intends to do. But we can trust him to make a first-class job of it. I expect he'll surprise the players with some original exercises."

READY FOR ANYTHING

But some of the players will be ready for anything. Rather than wait for April 7, they have been conducting a private training scheme of their own which began in January. "Can you beat that for enthusiasm," said Mr. Deakins, "It was entirely a voluntary effort."

Yes there is no doubting the keenness of the Warwickshire cricketers, and this enthusiasm is not confined to the playing arena. The committee are one of the most go-ahead in the country.

They were the first to see that more attention to physical fitness would pay dividends on the field. Thus they adopted football's idea of special pre-season training.

They got quick results. Within three years they won the County Championship after a lapse of 40 years, and for only the second time since they entered the competition in 1893. Proof of the players' fitness is illustrated by the fact that in making sure of the Championship, the County used only 13 players, and the 13th, Thompson, was not called upon until they were practically home. Nine players appeared in every match.

The strength of the side lay in departments where physical fitness is at a premium—bowling and fielding. Two bowlers, Hollies and Grove, captured over 100 wickets, and a third, Pritchard, took 93.

Hollies headed the first class averages for the season. So strong was the bowling that six matches were won inside two days.

Another item which characterises the county's keen approach to the game is their running between the wickets. Finished an innings—it is a safe bet that every available run is in the scorebook.

PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED They established a precedent when they won the Championship by being the first County to do so with a professional captain, Tom Dollery, leading an all-professional side.

But causing surprises is no new thing for Warwickshire. In 1911, they startled the other counties by appointing a 22-year-old captain, F. R. Foster. The selection came in for much scorn. But Warwickshire had the last laugh when they won the title.

A feature of the County's rise has been their number of important players. Of the regular side, only Grove and Gardner were born within the county. Three, Hitchcock, Taylor, and Pritchard, come from New Zealand.

But though the success has been gained through "foreigners," it has done a tremendous amount of good not only for Warwickshire, but English cricket as a whole.

It has brought a new spirit to the game. Without belittling the players, the side is not star-studded during the Championship season of 1951 none was selected for Tests or representative games. Their triumphs have shown what can be achieved through endeavour and team work.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

SNOOKER

By Horace Lindrum

The first thing to observe about the problem I left you with last week is the difficult red ball resting on the bottom cushion. This ball could mean the winning or losing of the frame.

To make the game as easy as possible you should knock all cushion balls into the open part of the table as soon as you can.

With the cue-ball in the position shown I would play the nearest red and pot it into the bottom left-hand corner pocket. Striking the white low, I would slowly screw it on to the bottom cushion to make a thin contact on the red ball resting on the bottom cushion. This would knock it towards the bottom right-hand corner pocket. In the meantime the white ball would have come off the bottom cushion and red ball to finish in position XI for the brown or blue.

My next stroke would be to pot the brown into the bottom left-hand corner pocket and follow-through to position myself for the remaining red on X2. Note that I have made certain to leave myself an angle pot on the last red to enable me to control the white ball for any position on the table.

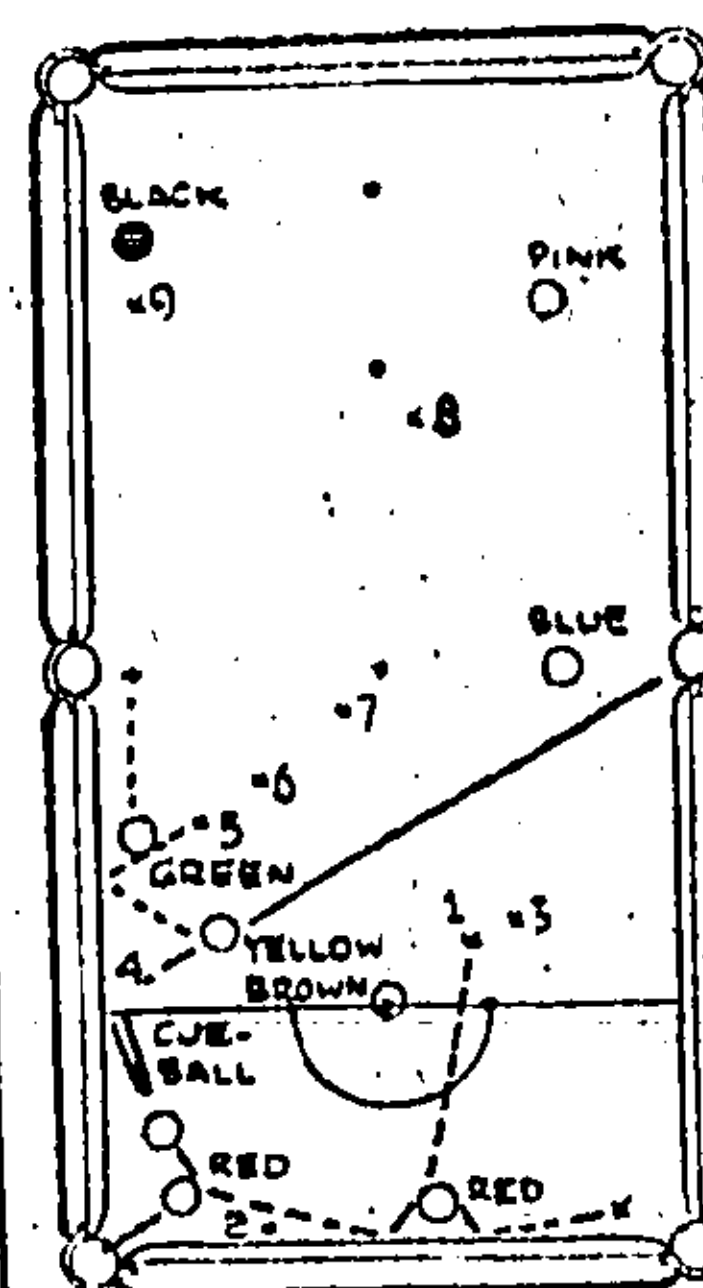
I would play the red into the bottom right-hand corner pocket using running side to bring the cue-ball off the bottom right-hand side cushion and come into position X3 for the brown.

ALL IMPORTANT

The next stroke is all important as far as position is concerned. In potting the brown into the bottom left-hand corner pocket I would need to play the stroke with a gentle follow-through action to make a slight contact with the bottom left-hand side cushion and come away softly to finish in position X4 for the yellow.

The angle pot I have left myself on the yellow for the right-hand middle pocket was necessary in order to kiss the green towards the left-hand middle pocket. I do this by playing the yellow with the aid of a delicate screw shot.

From X5, I cut the green into the left-hand middle pocket using check side on my ball and with enough speed to contact



the top cushion and position myself for the brown, X6. Aiming to pot the brown into the bottom right-hand corner pocket I would again use the follow-through action to bring the cue-ball off the bottom cushion to finish as shown for the blue, X7.

Disposing of the blue is simple enough, but cue-ball control for the pink is most important if I am to win the game by potting the black. So at this stage I plan position for this winning ball. I play the blue into the middle right-hand pocket, with plenty of check side on the white but speedily enough to make contact with the top right-hand side cushion and then the top cushion to finish in position for the pink, X8.

My next stroke requires accurate cue delivery to pot the pink into the top right-hand corner pocket. With top side, the cue-ball comes off the right side cushion and top cushion and comes to rest near the black ball for the top left-hand corner pocket. See X9.

FOOTBALL SHOULD
HAVE OFFICIAL
TIMEKEEPERS

Says DESMOND HACKETT

The black half-minute at Villa Park, the grimmest seconds in the history of "Spurs, the fragment of time that put them out of the Cup against Blackpool, brings a demand: FOOTBALL SHOULD HAVE OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPERS.

And the man who makes it is Cecil H. Nichols, who knows more about timekeeping than a shop steward on account of his position as Boxing Board of Control timekeeper for almost every big fight in the modern era.

This highly skilled clock-watcher is by way of being so keen a football observer that he has been known to take in matches at Chelsea.

He tells me that at a recent game to which he took his split-second accurate watch, the referee blew for half-time after 44 mins. 19 secs. There had been one stoppage of 20 seconds. Thus 61 seconds were lost.

If you cannot visualise the glory or despair that could be crammed into that spell, let me refer you to Tottenham.

MARCH OF TIME

The referee has sufficient to occupy his judicial moments without having to worry about the march of time. Bring in the timekeepers, say I — and why not start with that maestro of minutes himself and announce once again: Official timekeeper C. H. Nichols.

Tottenham players, officials, and supporters are entitled to continue their period of mourning. Myself, I still brood angrily over the kill-joy character who refused to allow the parade of mascots on the Villa ground.

The laughter died... two enormous people carried him from the field.

Tottenham, too, had their blue-and-white clad cheer leaders with tattered cockades and gold spurs. But these showpiece supporters were penned in with the awful completeness of political prisoners in some police-governed State.

The mischief man who made the decision "No football fest" deserves to spend a lifetime of wet Sundays and in Birmingham, the fustiest city.

HOLIDAY SOFTBALL

CHINA MATCHED AGAINST
POWERFUL USA TEAM
IN INTERNATIONAL FINAL

Holiday softball fare over the long week-end will be highlighted by the International Series Final on Monday when China is slated to slug it out with USA for this season's International Series Championship.

The curtain-raiser to this titanic struggle features the all-conquering Portuguese femmes in another International Series Final, with the weak but game China team putting in their strongest bid in recent years to annex the International title.

With the semi-finals taking place on Saturday, the play-off for the Junior Knock-out Series Championship against the Chinese tomorrow will decide a third title-holder of the current season.

On Easter Sunday, three outstanding Senior "A" Division games will be played off to put a final end to the season's regular League activities.

GOBS' DEBUT

In the morning, the new Navy squad from the USS Doyle will make their debut on the local diamond against the Chinese Athletics, while St. Joseph's will play a double-header in the afternoon against the Warriors and the Madcaps to complete their League fixtures.

The Saints will wind up third in the final Senior "A" Division team standings if they pull off a clean sweep of this double feature.

On the strength of their impressive work-outs during practice sessions at the ballpark, the Navy boys from the Doyle will have a tough one on their hands when they meet up with the successors to the USS Owen team.

The USS Doyle team boasts a pitching staff of three speedy, fine-control pitchers, whose mastery of various pitches has vastly impressed local fans during work-outs in the past few days.

Rounded out by a string of heavy-hitting outfielders and fast base-runners, the USS Navy team

INTERNATIONAL FINALS

The holiday programme is climaxed by Monday's International Series Finals in both the Men's and the Ladies' sections.

In the first game of the afternoon, Portugal will vie with China for the distaff title.

Portugal, winners for countless successive years of the Ladies' International Championship, will field an immensely powerful side drawn from the two top teams of the Ladies' Division, namely, the Champion Wahooks and the second-place Squaws.

Wahook slabstress Big Chief Terry Noronha is the obvious choice for mound chores, with Sheila Silva and Beata Remedios of the Squaws as stand-ins.

Sheer offensive power will probably be the deciding factor in favor of a comfortable Portuguese win, with a generous portion of the distaff League's leading contenders for the Batting title included in the Portugal line-up.

Having won a freestyle victory without a single pitched ball last year through successive defaults by Great Britain and Portugal, the Chinese lasses will be gunning for their second win with all the resources at their command.

With the best players gathered from the ranks of the Junior Champion Pandas, South China and CAA as well as Pool To, the China team will include many an experienced outliner with a sprinkling of promising but green rookies.

The pitching assignment will probably be allotted to poker-faced May Wu of Pool To, with Connie Lai of South China backing up. For hind-smiting duties, the choice will be made from Edie Tablada, Panda Angeline Kwok and schoolgirl Sylvia Lin.

Infielders will include Madeleine Goelling, S. K. Chan of Pool To, Eugenia Kwok, Amy Cheng and Bonnie Chun of the Pandas. The outfield combination will include hard-hitting Rosie Lacey of South China and Ingrid Wang of the Pandas.

The outcome of this Battle of the Femmes will depend much on the effectiveness of the Chinese pitcher against such Portuguese willow artists as Doreen Ozyo, Sheila Silva, Beata Remedios, Antonia Remedios, Terry Noronha, et al.

The Chinese team will in all probability resort to bunting tactics and hit-and-run strategy in an attempt to compensate for the Portuguese preponderance of batting power.

PIECE DE RESISTANCE The nightcap Men's International Series Final will be a highly-expected piece de resistance specially concocted as a fitting finale to current League activities.

The well-balanced China team, comprising the choicest player-material skinned from the top Chinese teams in the Major League, has a better than even chance to cop the International Championship for the first time in postwar years.

Portugal, the team to beat in every year's tournament, fell in easy victory to the grocer machine — like retrieving and clutch hitting in the Chinese squad in early first round play.

The second hurdle presented no serious difficulty for the victory-fused Chinese when they comfortably hurdled their game opposition put up by a plucky Philippines contingent.

In the other bracket, the USA squad also had a relatively easy time disposing of "Pakistani" enter the final, but was not expected to extend China's unblemished record to a third straight victory.

With the arrival of the USS Doyle, however, a radically different situation now faces the Chinese team. Navy hurlers Ryan, Smith and Jones, going through their warm-up

CHINESE CREAM

Against this lethal array representing USA, China will field the cream of the local crop, selected from the Pandas, South China and the Athletics.

Fastballer Jackie Wei will start off on the mound, with P.C. Wong and L. P. Lam in support. The services of the latter two may have to be called upon in the later stages of the match, as the crucial game will be slated to go nine full innings.

Receiving duties will fall on the meaty shoulders of C. Y. Lu of the Pandas, while the other infield spots will be distributed among C. M. Tsang, Paul Tui, Wally Ma, Selsor Ma, K. T. Leung and Y. S. Liang.

The outfield trio will be chosen from South China's P. H. Lee and L. C. Poon, as well as K. K. Sit of CAA, and Tony Chang of the Pandas.

On paper, the Chinese have the better-balanced team, with safe, sure batting to complement neat, efficient fielding. However, with the advantage of heavier weight with the bat as well as greater reserves of strength in their battery, the Americans are in a position to pull off a surprise win over the powerful Chinese team. Nine full innings of thrill-jammed softball will be on tap for the eager bleachers, and this "battle of the giants" should easily qualify for inclusion in the list of unforgettable games in local softball lore.

THE PROGRAMME

SATURDAY

Junior Knock-out Series
3.00 p.m.: Blackhawk v Pandas; 3.30 Pandas v CAA

SUNDAY

Senior "A" Division
11.00 a.m.: US Navy v CAA;
2.00 p.m.: Warriors v St. Joseph's; 3.30 p.m.: Madcaps v St. Joseph's

MONDAY

International Series Finals
2.00 p.m.: China v Portugal (Ladies); 3.30 p.m.: China v USA (Men's)

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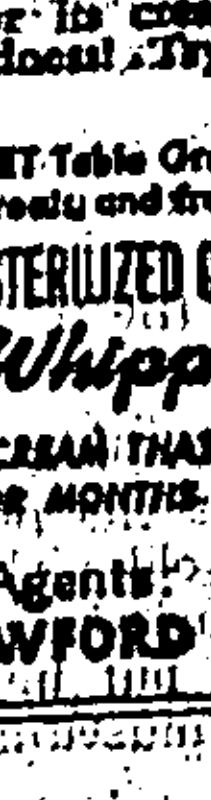
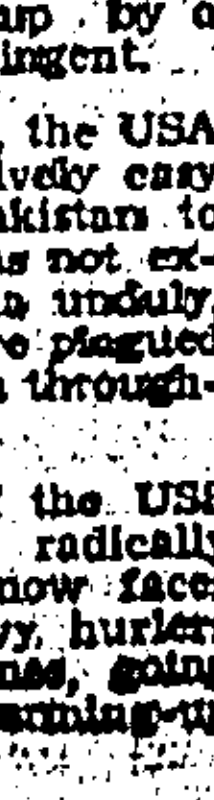
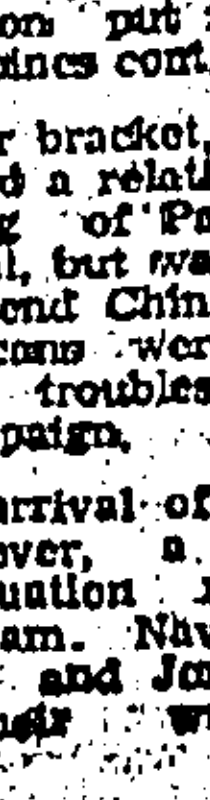
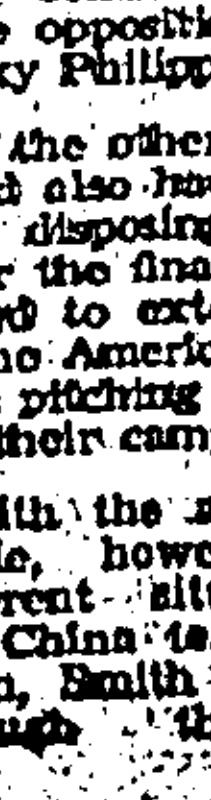
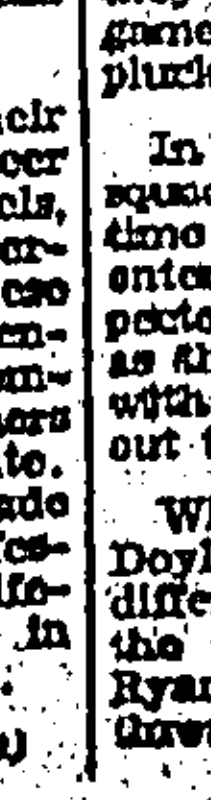
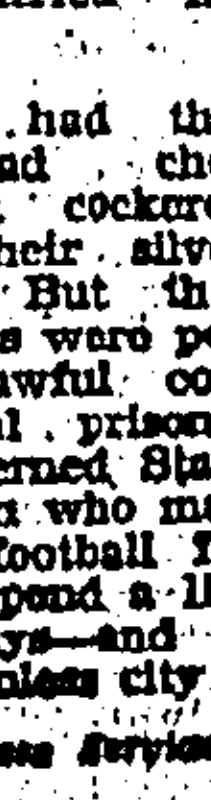
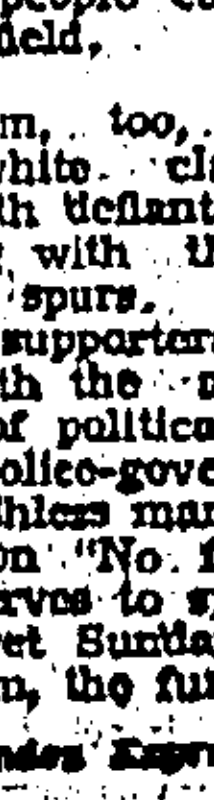
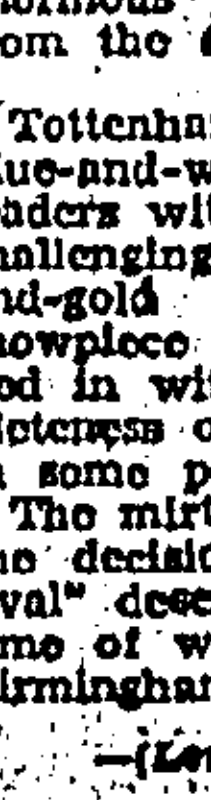
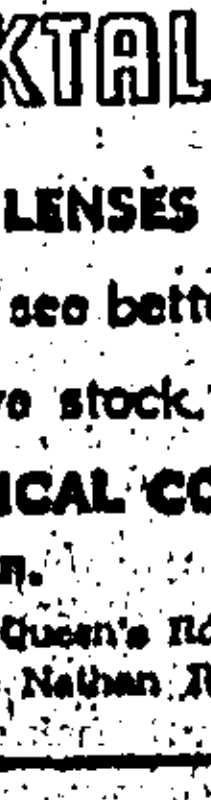
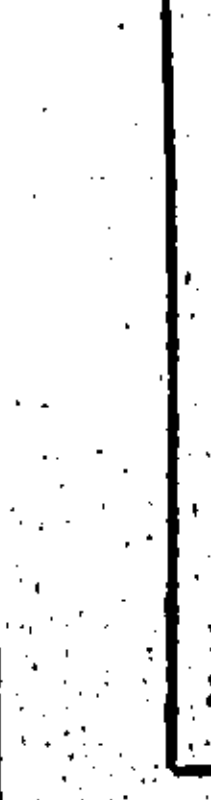
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Argylls do battle for film glory

THE Battle of Sheriff-muir fought by Walt Disney near Aberfoyle in Perthshire turned out very differently from the ancient conflict between the Earl of Mar and Archie Campbell 238 years ago.

Then each side lost 500 men. The new battle was a more friendly affair, but there were casualties just the same—sword cuts, bruises, powder burns, and the odd centaur chipped by the bayonet.

The battle was fought by the men of the 1st Battalion, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, as a scene in the film "Rob Roy."

Two hundred Jacobites, with murderous-looking claymores, and dirks only waited the word of command from director Harold French to charge the muskets of the Royalists.

The clansmen were outnumbered nearly two to one, but their enemy, in scarlet and blue Technicolour array had been told: "In this particular battle you are pushed back."

"Put on a good show. Get stuck into them, but please retreat at the end."

So the rebels retreated, but not without a fight. Clansmen



CASUALTY—Private J. Haggart, out with twisted ankle.

could be heard above the roar of cannon shouting: "Hi George, you're dead."

And "Aw for goodness take retreat."

Rockets detailed to be casualties lay down and artfully died. A few seemed to be dying of laughing.

Private Jim Fleming, of Blairhall, Fife, was hacking away with a huge claymore.

He gasped as the battle ended: "I had seven of them on to me at once there, but I told them they were dead, so they fell down."

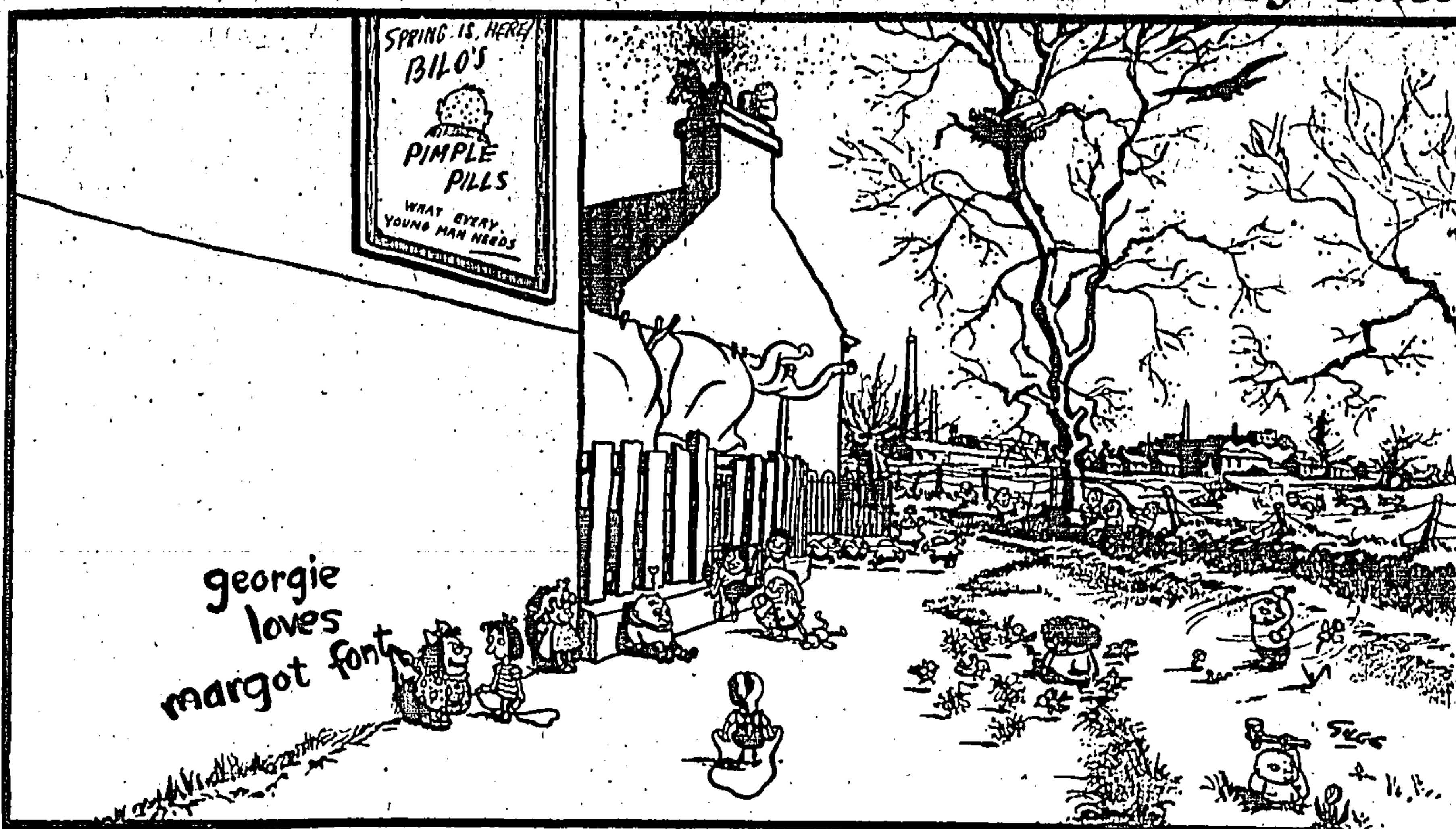
Private John Gallacher, of Dumbarton, got cut with a bayonet, while Private Richard Maclean, of Hamilton, had his cheek scorched by musket blank shot.

At one time there was a queue of men—many had been campaigning in Korea—waiting to be bandaged or patched up with sticking plaster.

Three times the battle scene was shot, with Archie Campbell's descendant, the present Duke of Argyll, watching through field glasses.

L. E. S.

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"How do you spell her second name?"

by Giles

London Express Service

Queen Mary and the reporter

SHE GAVE HIM A SCOOP ON HER ENGAGEMENT—BUT THEN THE EMBASSY STOPPED IT

By Beverley Baxter, MP

WHEN R. D. Blumenfeld, afterwards Editor of the Daily Express, was the London correspondent of an American newspaper, he heard a rumour that Princess May of Teck had become engaged to the Duke of Clarence, the eldest son of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

Being a young man of enterprise Blumenfeld hired a horse and cab and drove to the White Lodge in Richmond Park, where the Princess lived a quiet life with her family. She was delighted to meet what she described as "a real live reporter" and at once confirmed that she was engaged although it was still a secret.

Sense of fun

Blumenfeld, who was a man of much charm, said that he would be discreet and only publish it in America. She agreed that this would be quite all right and then, in response to his request, she gave Blumenfeld a signed portrait.

"Will you publish it in your newspaper?" she asked. "If you do, please send me a copy, it will be most exciting."

Blumenfeld drove back to Fleet Street as fast as his horse could pull him, but alas! Officialdom had heard of his visit, pressure was brought on the

American Embassy and in turn on Blumenfeld. He had the scoop of a lifetime but was not allowed to publish it.

I have recalled that story because it illustrates a quality in Queen Mary which never left her. She had a special tingle of life. She had a great sense of fun.

I saw her first when, as the Duchess of York she visited Toronto not long after the turn of the century. Boyhood memories have a habit of keeping their freshness and I can still recall her pleasant smile, just as I can still recall the rather sad eyes of the Duke, and the stiff grandeur of the two aides who rode with them.

Her memory

It was not, however, until 1938 that I had the honour of being presented to her. Joseph Kennedy gave a large dinner party at the American Embassy and explained, after dinner, that the Queen would receive each of the male guests in turn, but there would not be time for the ladies—a brave decision but immutable.

The Queen sat on a sofa and each of us in rotation was invited by her to sit down and have a chat, while the Ambassador stood at a discreet distance watching for the signal to rescue Her Majesty and bring on the next guest.

As it happened I asked her if she remembered the story of her engagement as divulged to Blumenfeld.

She asked me to recall it to her memory and the years fell away from her as she went back

to the days of her girlhood. When it came to her anxiety as to whether or not her picture would be published she laughed delightedly.

"I like newspapers," she said, when the story was over. "Some of them are dreadful but every day I have my companion read to me about what's going on, especially in the theatre."

The Ambassador had disappeared and then came back with Lord Macmillan in tow.

Obviously my time was up, but on such occasions one must wait to be dismissed. It is possible to be sincere and also a courtier so I told her that the people looked on her not only as a Queen and the mother of Kings, but as a sort of relative.

"I hope that is true," she said, "for that is how I feel towards you all—as if you are my other family."

Whereupon I withdrew and Lord Macmillan took on the dialogue.

Yet if it be true that the people held her warmly in their hearts—and it could not be denied—there was an enormous impression that she was dominating, especially towards her husband.

The budget

There was in fact a slipshod play on words which described her and her husband as "King George the Fifth and Queen Mary the fourth-fifths." No doubt it originated in America but it gained currency.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Her husband was a dominating figure who laid down the law to his sons and did not hesitate to curb his wife's spending. Queen Mary had a special love of carpets and rugs, as well as perfect taste in them, but King George was determined that the family budget was not to be exceeded.

In fact, the story was told that at Windsor the dining-room carpet was so ragged that Queen

SHE MURDERED HER FATHER

From SYDNEY SMITH

Paris. A WOMAN condemned to death for the murder of her father and attempted murder of her mother 19 years ago will ask a French court for her own official "resurrection." Pleading beside her will be the mother she almost killed.

Violette Noziers horrified France by her calculated cold-blooded crime against her parents.

She poisoned them with veronal and then staged their suicide in a gas oven. But the mother recovered to tell the true story.

Frenchmen sang songs about the black-haired, 19-year-old girl. She became a music-hall horror. They even put her in waxworks and museums.

But today, because of her almost saintly repentance, her claim for recognition of her civil rights—her official existence—is being backed by all the warm generosity of French public feeling.

In 1934 pretty, pale-faced Violette was a senior mathematics student. But she spent more time in the bars of the Latin Quarter than in college.

NEEDED MONEY

She was madly in love with 19-year-old law student Jean Dabin. She needed money to keep him—all the money her parents had.

Murder was her only solution. But Violette was arrested, tried, and condemned to death.

In the year of trial and waiting she was cared for by a

young nun. The young murderer became like a nun.

President Lebrun saved Violette from the guillotine by commuting her sentence to life imprisonment.

Eight years later Violette, who, in her starched white bonnet and apron and rough blue gown, had become a legend of saintliness and devotion in prison, had her sentence reduced by Marshal Petain to 12 years.

In 1943 Jean Dabin died fighting for France.

In 1944 Violette, by then a trusty who was allowed out of Rennes prison unescorted for civil work, fell in love with the son of her gaoler, Francois Coquet.

Late in 1945 Violette was able to return to her mother's Paris home.

Within three weeks the Violette Noziers was legally

waiting to marry her. In the years that followed, Violette proved herself as a devoted wife and mother of four children.

Then her husband was injured in a car smash and became a cripple. Violette sold up the home to pay doctors' bills. She found work to save her family.

Her husband is still gravely ill. Now, if he dies, the four children, belonging technically to no one because their mother does not legally exist, may be taken away by the State.

CIVIL RIGHTS

If she gets "civil rehabilitation," it will mean the right to work and be officially recognised to keep herself, her crippled husband and her children.

For never in the series of pardons that saved her from death and prison was there any legal change which gave her back the rights of her legal existence. From the moment she was condemned to death—what else happened afterwards—Violette Noziers was legally

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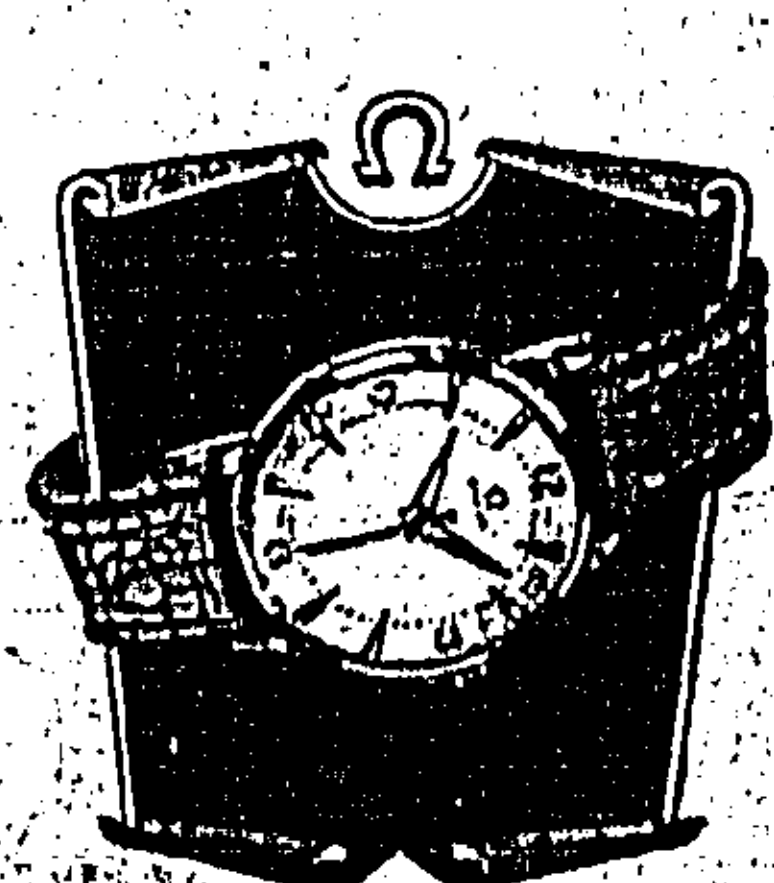
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EASTER WAS ONCE A PAGAN FEAST

By J. W. Taylor

LONG before Easter became the Christian festival to commemorate the Resurrection of Our Lord, it was a great pagan feast—the feast of Eostre, the Goddess of Spring. And some of its ancient customs, born countless centuries ago, still survive today, though with the passage of time the heathen symbols have assumed a Christian significance.

The baking of hot cross buns on Good Friday, for instance, is the survival of a custom thousands of years old. The wheat cakes of primitive man were first baked as a thanksgiving and an offering at fertility rites. The Romans presented to their gods consecrated bread divided into lines marking quarters; to the Christian, this became the sign of the Cross.

The giving of eggs at Easter time also goes back to pre-Roman times. To early man the egg was the symbol of the universe, and there are traces in the theology of the Ancient Egyptians and Persians of its significance at the primitive Spring celebrations, while Australian aborigines and Hawaiian natives still practise certain rites in which the egg, the symbol of fertility, figures prominently.

Dyed Red

WITH the coming of the Christian era, the egg has symbolised the Resurrection. It became the custom to associate with the Easter story the ritual, and dye them red. They were blessed and sprinkled with holy water in the churches and distributed on Easter Sunday.

There is record that in medieval times, English bishops took hard-boiled eggs to church and, at the start of the Antiphon, they would begin to dance, throwing the eggs to the choristers who tossed them to one another until the music ended.

In some parts of Europe, lovers would exchange hard-boiled eggs on Easter morning and roll them together down a slope—it was a particularly good omen if the eggs collided—while in

Transylvania a young man would keep guard outside the home of his sweetheart on Easter Monday with a bucket of water. As the girl emerged he would pour the water over her until she had paid a ransom of Easter eggs.

In Derbyshire, festoons of decorated eggs, known as Pasch eggs, were kept in cottages and were reverently passed down from generation to generation, while elsewhere in Britain it is not so long ago that children went around the neighbourhood begging for "pase" or "Pasque" eggs.

Arriving at a house they would chant:

"Eggs, bacon, apples or cheese,
Bread or corn, if you please,
Or any other good thing that
will make us merry."

In due course, eggs were painted in many colours besides red or decorated with intricate patterns, and more recently they became triumphs of the chocolate manufacturers' art. Even transparent plastic eggs have made their appearance since the war, filled of course with chocolates, sweets or miniature chicks.

Spiced Cakes

MOST other old Easter customs have died away. At Paddington, in West London, and at Twickenham, an Easter custom was to throw bread from the summit of the church steeple to be scrambled for by the people below. A favourite Easter dish in the East of England was a tony pudding to imitate the bitter herbs of Passover.

In Dorset and Somerset, the parish clerk used to visit the houses of chief parishioners and present each member of the family with spiced cakes commonly known as Easter cakes. And in Ripon and Durham it was customary for men to loosen the buckles of women's shoes on Easter Sunday, and for women to return the compliment on Easter Monday. Buckles could be redeemed only by a present.

Other old customs in Derbyshire were "sugar-cupping" and "litting the chair." For the former, young people would assemble at Dripping Tor with cups containing small quantities of sugar or honey. They would catch water in their cups, mix the substance and drink it, repeating a doggerel verse.

And a be-ribboned chair was taken round from house to house by young men; when they managed to catch a woman, she was seated in the chair and lifted in the air three times. The men then had the right to claim a kiss from the woman, who, in turn, presented them with a small gift of money.

Bonfires

IN central and southern Germany, bonfires were lit on hillsides on the eve of Easter. People from the surrounding villages would bring sticks of oak, walnut and beech to char in the fire; these would be kept in their homes as protection against fire, hail and lightning.

In Albania, young people hurl flaming torches into rivers to cast out evil, and in Silesia, peasants sweep houses and farm buildings with brooms, making as much noise as possible, on Good Fridays to scare witches away.

Gypsies, too, stage picturesque ceremonies at Easter time to protect themselves against illness and evil spirits, and to ensure plentiful food for themselves and fodder for their animals.

As at present ordained, Easter falls on one of 35 days—on the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon, or next after the 21st day of March. If the full moon falls on a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday after. But the Moon referred to is not the real moon of the heavens, but a hypothetical moon on whose "full" the date of Easter depends. The lunations of this "Calendar

Moon" consist of 29 and 30 days alternately with certain modifications to make the date of its Full agree as nearly as possible with that of the real moon.

Easter Day fell on March 22—the earliest possible date—in 1873, 1898, 1701 and 1810, and on April 25 (the latest possible date) in 1540, 1641, 1739, 1880 and 1945. Next year it will be on April 19, in 1959 on April 10, and in 1950 on April 1.

Agitation

THERE has recently been some fresh agitation for a fixed Easter Day. Twenty-five years ago the House of Commons agreed to a motion for a third reading of a Bill laying down that Easter should be the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April. Easter Day would thus always fall between April 9 and 16, but a clause in the Bill provided that before it came into operation regard should be had to any opinion expressed officially by the various Christian churches. As the churches have never been able to agree on this matter, there appears to be little prospect of the adoption of a fixed Easter in the near future.

WHEN JOHNNIE STOPS CRYING



Johnnie "emoting" for the press in his London hotel. On the right: relaxed.

London. "CRYING," said Johnnie Ray, "runs in the family. We're like that all the time—it was the way I was brought up."

John Alvin Ray, a pale thin, six-foot young man, 25 years old, married but separated from his wife, flew into London the other day to demonstrate his art of public sobbing as top of the bill at the Palladium.

His ability to weep real tears and to croon in a slightly husky, often off-key voice, has made him a theatre headliner and record bestseller. Johnnie, a hearing-aid fixed in his left ear with the wire running under his white shirt, relaxed in his hotel and said: "This crying is not an act, man. It is the story of my life. When I was twelve, I had an accident and became partly deaf. It was two years before I started using my hearing-aid."

In that time I felt lonely—shut in. I believe those words I sing in 'The Little White Cloud That Cried.' He wrote it. Sample: 'The little white cloud that cried. He told me he was very lonesome. No one cared if he lived or died. Said Ray: 'I don't believe in hiding emotion—that is the cause of phobias, neuroses and complexes. People are too crowded inside themselves these days. I show them the emotion they are scared of.'

CLOTHES CUT

Mr Ray has been showing them at a salary of about £2,000 a week—for nearly two years now. Before that, when it was not fashionable to cry publicly, he was just a singer earning £25 a week in a bar, less than the man who served the drinks. When he performs he removes his hearing-aid, flings his hands about and occasionally, "when the spirit moves me," leaps down to kiss girls in the audience.

"Is that so remarkable?" he asked. "After all, they don't complain, although I do it less frequently now because they bring along knives and scissors to cut my clothes for souvenirs." After his shows are over and the agonised look has left his face, Johnnie often has to be helped to the dressing room to "recover with a glass of water."

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• Most of the brides from the best-off families—70 out of every 100—are marrying beneath them. The majority slide no further than the middle class; but ten in every 100 of them marry manual workers.
• A girl brought up in a middle-class home stands little better chance of reaching the top by marriage (six percent) than a working-class girl does (four per cent).
• One out of every four middle-class girls marries beneath her.

AN IMAGINARY BIKE CAN SAVE A LIFE

THE simple exercise of lying on your back and pedalling an imaginary bicycle can be a life-saver, according to discoveries made by doctors at a London hospital.

By speeding up the blood circulation in the legs it helps to prevent thrombosis—a blockage in an artery or vein which may bring on serious complications.

The legs of a typist sitting at her desk or of a workman standing by his lathe do not get enough movement to promote full circulation. That is why thrombosis is much commoner in the legs than in the arms.
Doctors at University College Hospital injected a harmless radioactive chemical into volunteers and timed its course through the body by following it with an atom-ray detector held near the skin.

They found that the blood flow was greatly accelerated when the head was lower than the legs—even by only a few inches.

The slightest pedalling exercise can treble the speed of the circulation in the legs. So for invalids and old people the doctors recommend "sitting machine" pedalling—simply wiggling the feet from the ankles as on a treadle sewing machine.

Incidentally, the inquiry showed that crossing the knees does not restrict the circulation as commonly believed.

THAT MURMUR

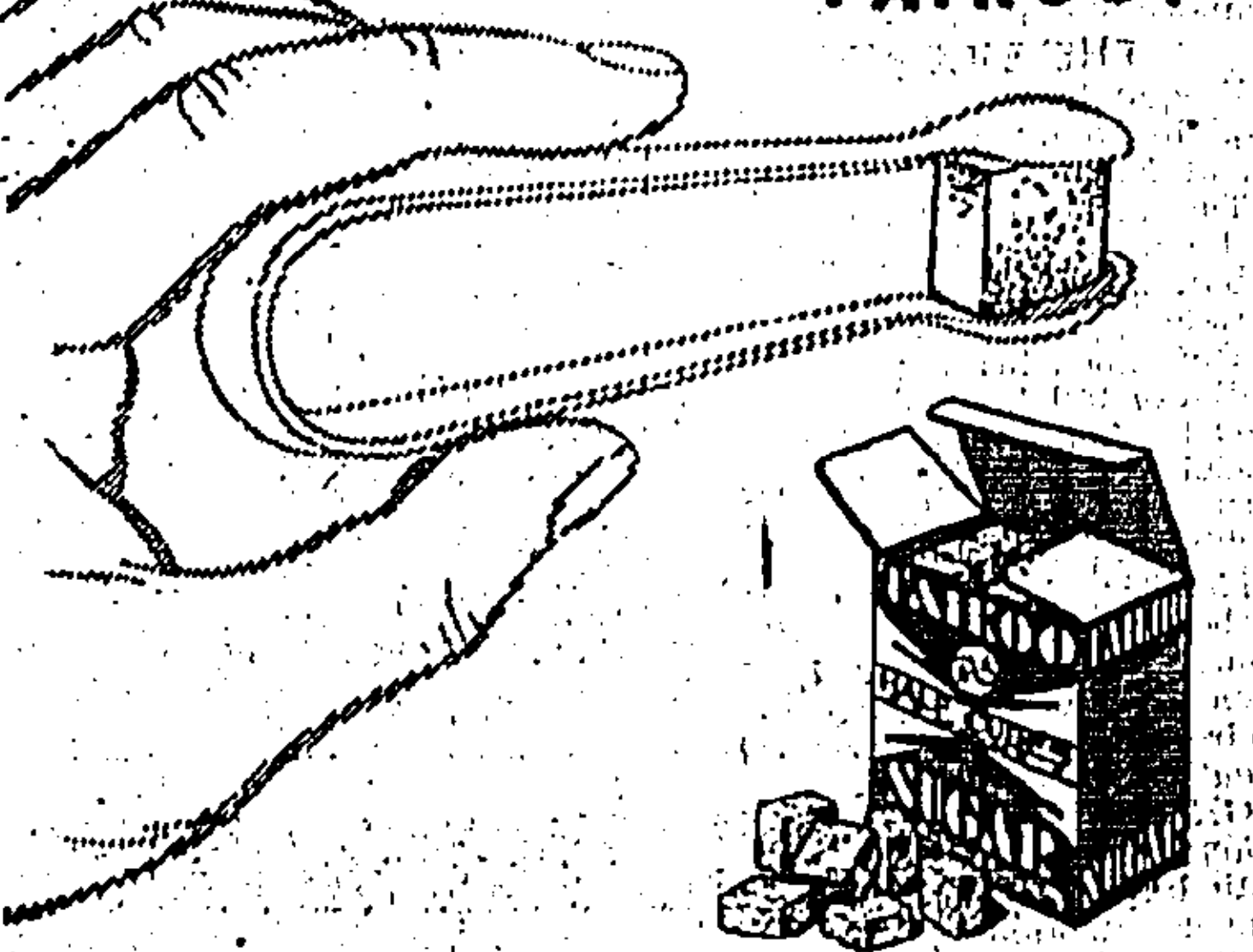
★ IF YOUR baby has what the doctors call a "heart murmur" the odds are more than five to one that it will disappear by the age of two.

The inquiry, which involves more than 3,000 young mothers.

So far the survey has shown that tall girls—over 5 ft. 4 ins.—stand a better chance of improving their lot through marriage than petite girls. They are also generally healthier, have an easier time at childbirth, and have fewer premature babies. The scientists are already satisfied that a mother's physique and mental outlook—both largely the result of her early upbringing—have an enormous influence on whether she will have a difficult or easy time while having a baby.

"One Lump-or Two?"

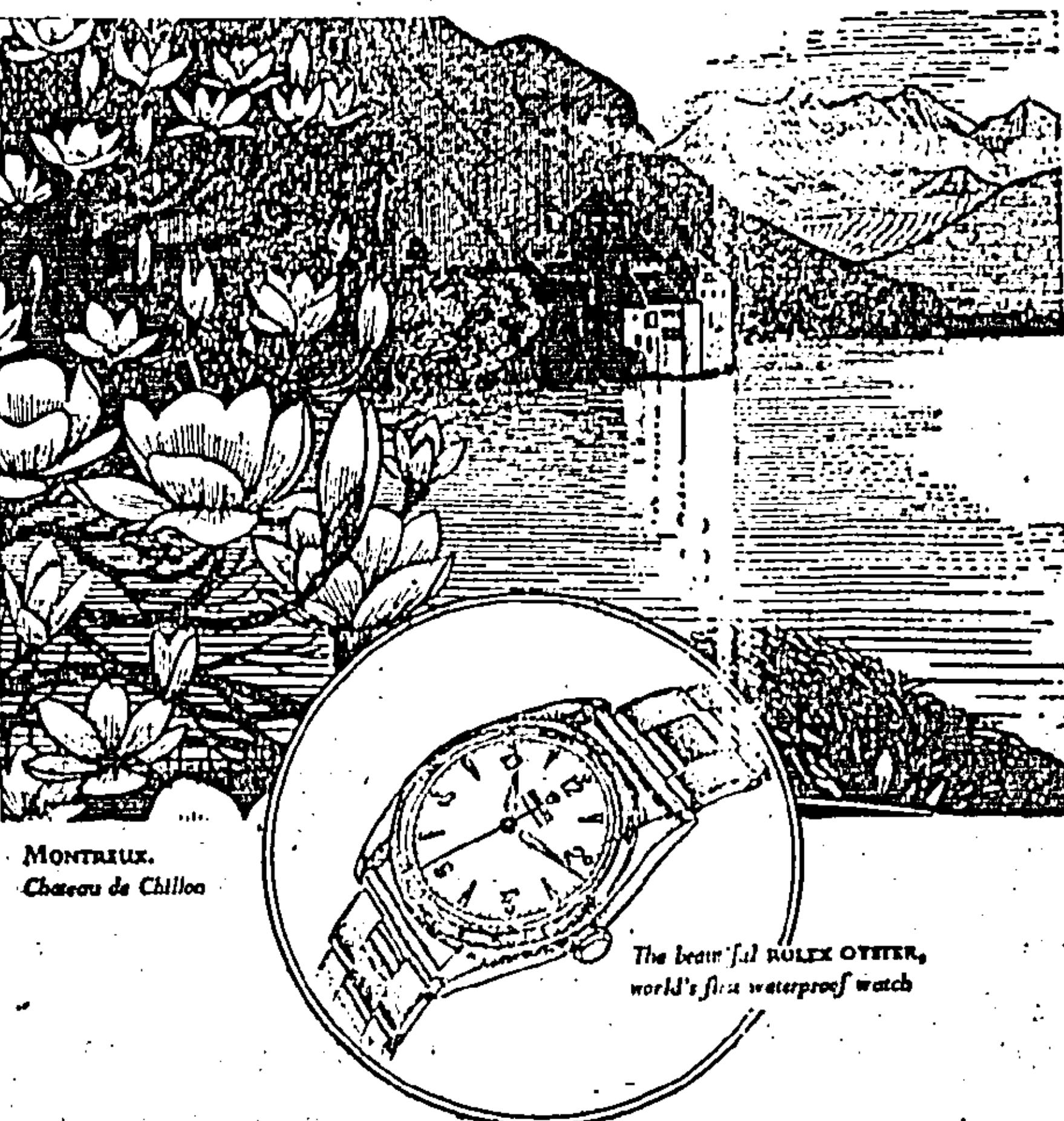
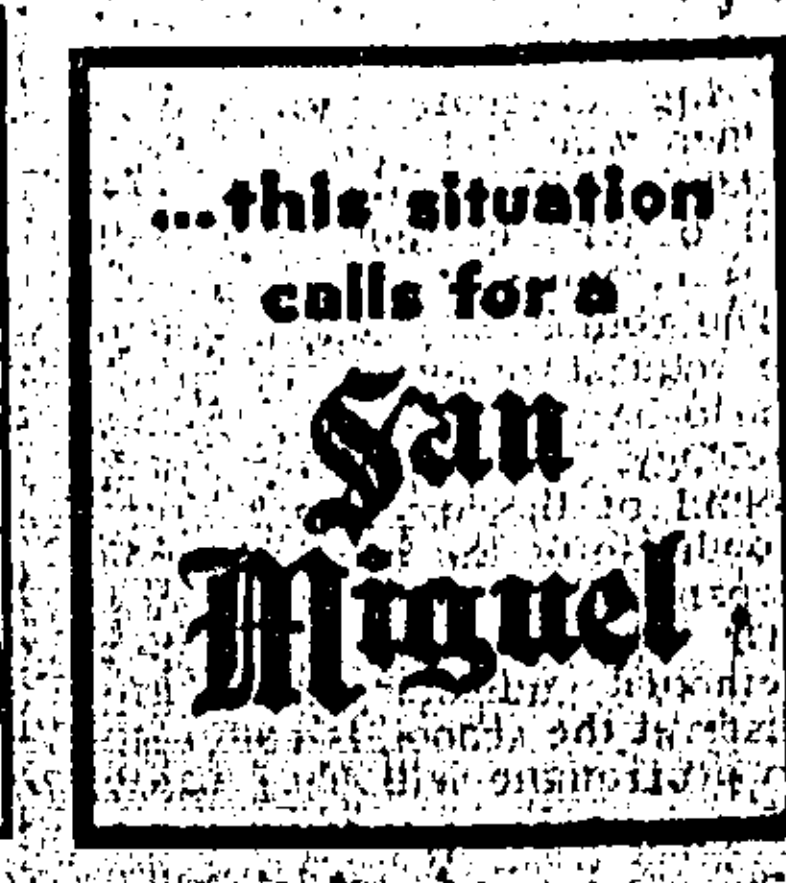
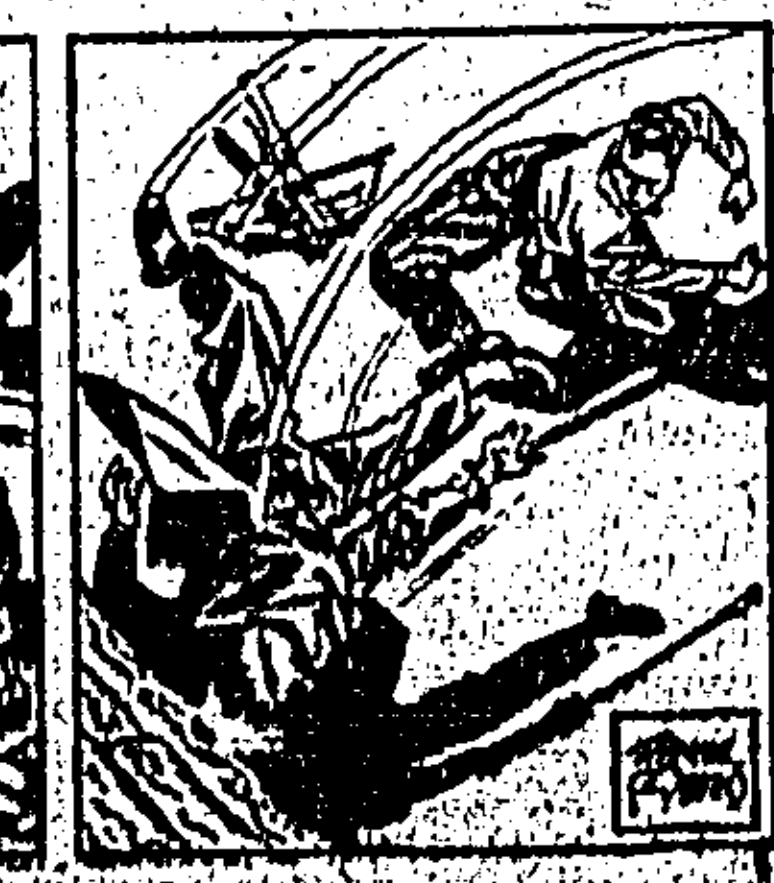
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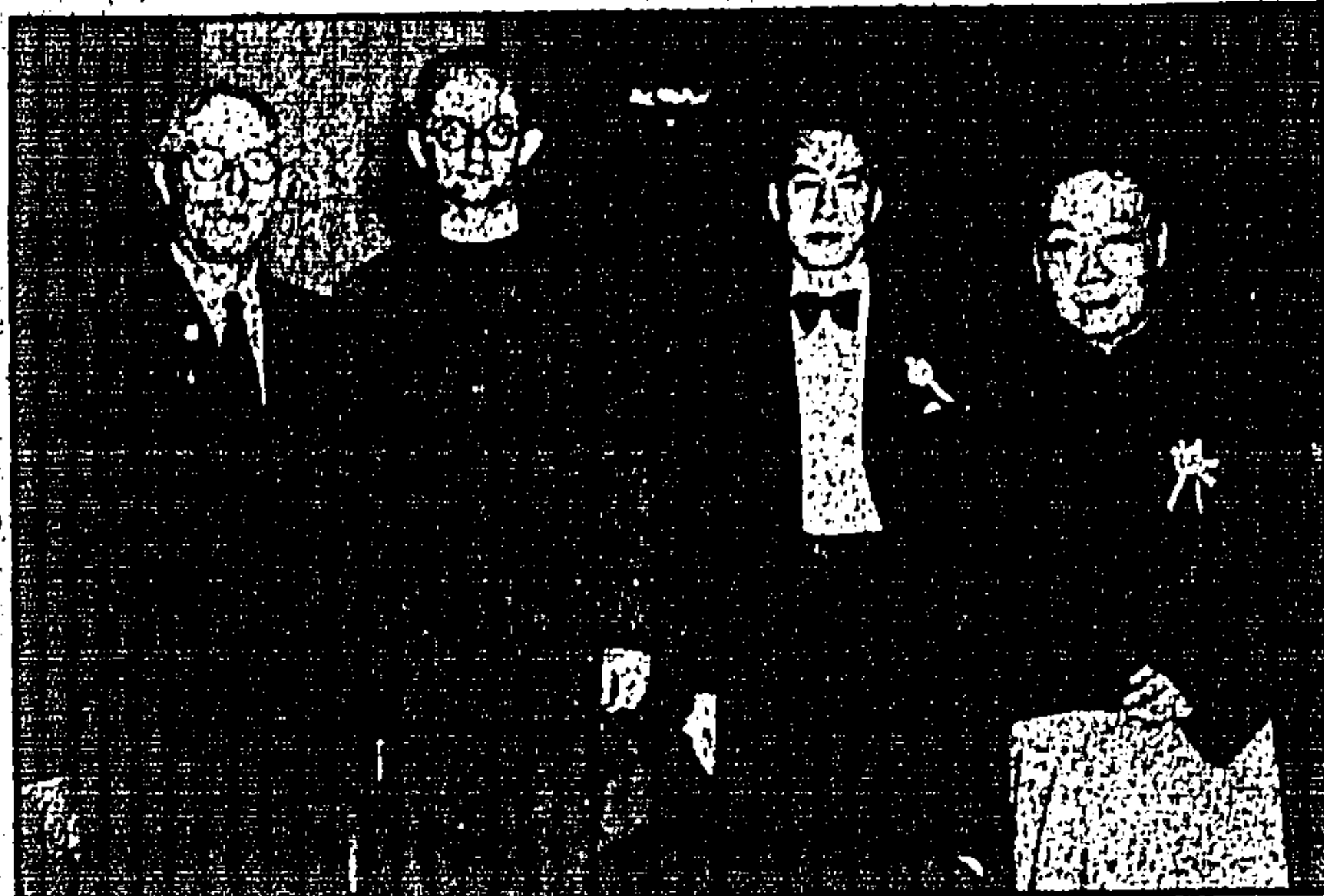
HONGKONG'S tribute to the memory of the late Queen Mary took the form of a memorial service at St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday, the day of the Royal funeral. It was attended by a large crowd, comprising many nationalities. People leaving at the end of the service. (Staff Photographer)



MRS Lily Eversdyk Smulders, the Dutch painter now on a visit to Hongkong, with a picture she has made here of a young sampan girl. She gave a talk at the YWCA on Tuesday on harem women in the Sahara. (Staff Photographer)



AT the King's College Old Boys' Association supper dance last Saturday. From left: Mr C. W. Sargison, Headmaster, Mr Thomas Yee, Mr William Choy, President of the Association, Mr E. Sun and Dr S. K. Ng. (Staff Photographer)



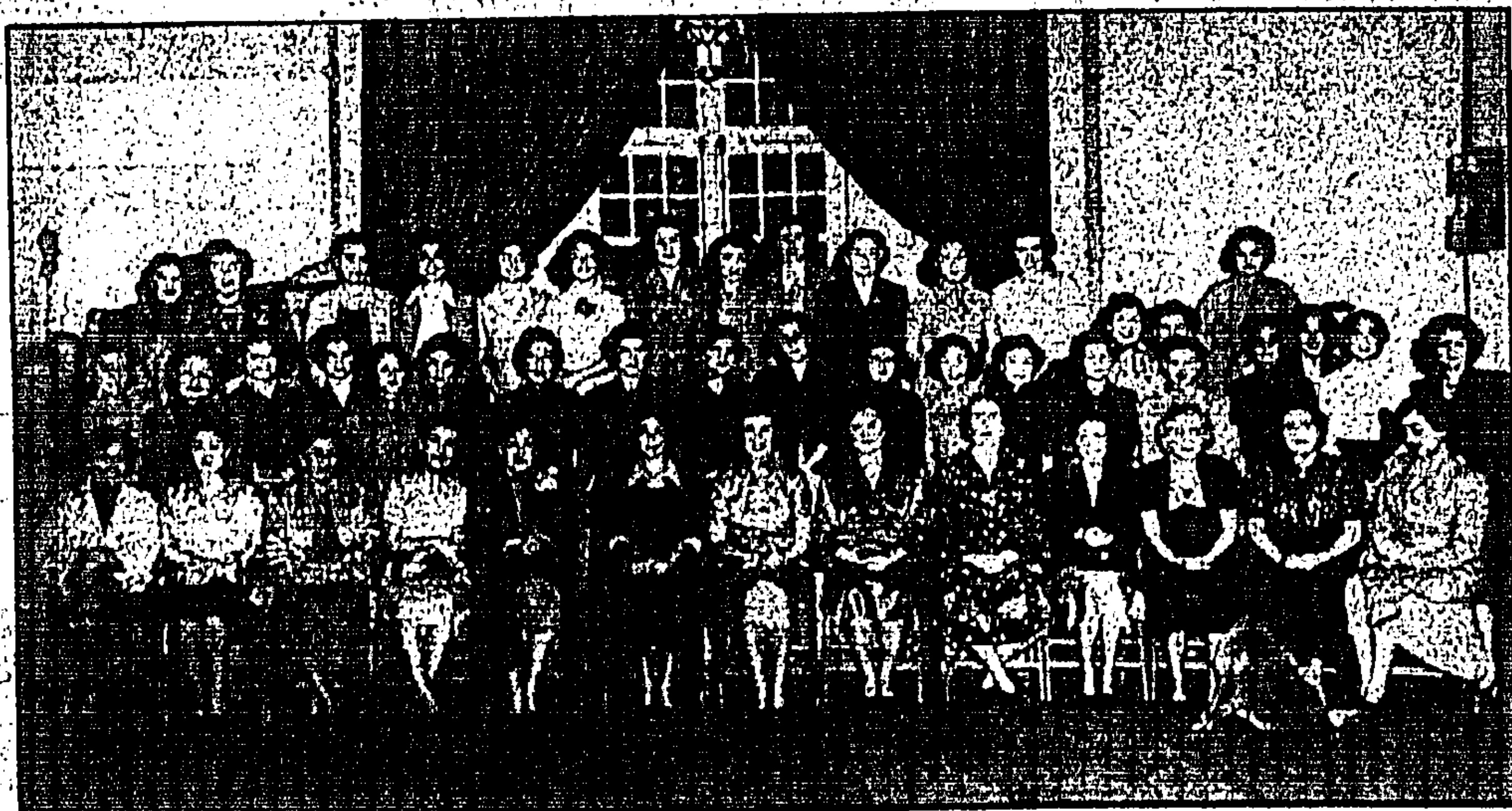
THE St Stephen's College Old Boys' Association, held their annual dance at the Peninsula Hotel last week. Those who attended included (above, from left) Canon E. W. L. Martin, Warden of the College, the Rev. F. R. Myhill, Mr Tsang Wah-tsun and the Hon. T. N. Chau, outgoing President of the Association. (Staff Photographer)



SIR Alexander Carr-Saunders, Director of the London School of Economics, with Miss Barbara Ward and Miss Dorothy Lee at a luncheon given in his honour by ex-LSE students. (Staff Photographer)



A demonstration by wardens of the Civil Aid Services at the Wah Yan College, Kowloon, last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP picture taken at the annual dinner of the Diocesan School Old Girls' Association. The new President, Mrs M. Mackie, is seated sixth from left. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Double baptism of mother and son at St Margaret's Church last Saturday. The new members of the Catholic faith are Mrs Lola Chang, the well-known soprano (centre of front row), and her son, Christopher. Mrs Chang has sung leading parts in operas produced by the Choral Group.



MR H. G. Cooper, (right), of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., replying after a presentation made to him by Mr W. Sprague, Acting Director of Marine (left), at a farewell cocktail party held at the Marine Office last week. Mr Cooper is leaving the Colony tomorrow on retirement. (Staff Photographer)

LEFT: Dr Paul M. Lambert, Secretary-General elect of the World Alliance of YMCAs, speaking at the 20th anniversary dance of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club, held in the Skyroom on Wednesday evening. (Staff Photographer)

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CHAPTER 4

THIS is the first inside story of how, in 1943, Britain lured Hitler into believing the Allies would attack NOT Sicily, but Sardinia or Greece. A dead man was dressed in officer's uniform; "doctored" papers in his pockets identified him as "Major Martin, Royal Marines"; he carried "important" letters to mislead the Germans. Now read on...

THE time for the departure by submarine of "Major William Martin" was drawing near. Our plans were complete.

Final approval for "Operation Mincement"—as it was called—was now sought from Mr. Churchill through General Ismay.

We had to warn the Prime Minister of two hazards:

FIRST: If the Germans saw through our deception, Sicily would be quite definitely pinpointed as the Allied target.

SECOND: All our efforts might be wasted if the wrong Spaniard found the body and did not pass the documents to the Germans.

UNPLEASANT

MR. CHURCHILL, however, gave his consent, making just this comment on our second warning—"I don't see that it matters—we can always try again."

He directed that General Eisenhower, in command of the invasion of Sicily, should be informed of what was happening.

Now we got to work on the actual operation.

Two of us, with the late Jack Horsfall, the racing-motocyclist, as co-driver, set off in a 20 cwt. Ford van from London to fetch the body of "Major Martin" from his cold storage.

Before we put him into his 6 ft. canister we had to dress him in the uniform of a major of the Royal Marines, and here we found difficulty in our unpleasant task.

We had not realised that it is impossible to put a boot on to a foot unless you can bend the ankle—and "Major Martin" was frozen stiff! It was a problem, but at last he was fully dressed.

The canister was filled with dry ice—to exclude all air and prevent decomposition—and after it had evaporated the major was put in, wrapped in a blanket, more dry ice packed round him and the lid was screwed down.

DEPARTURE

WE had hardly set off back to London with the body when our journey nearly ended suddenly. As we swung into the road we all burst out laughing to such an extent that Jack nearly rammed a tram standard. There, opposite us, was a cinema queue to see a sensational spy film. The thought struck us all of what would happen if we had stopped and told them to bother about the film but to look in our van!

After a quick meal at our H.Q., with one of us sitting in the window to make sure that no one stole our "Major Martin" (the was very valuable to

us) we set off for Greenock, the port of departure. It was a long journey in the dark night with masked lights, and we could not help worrying (especially when I drove straight across a roundabout island) what would happen if we had an accident.

It was lucky that Lieutenant Jewell (now Commander) was in command of submarine Seraph as he had already made success of other top-secret missions.

It was his submarine that smuggled General Mark Clark in and out of North Africa in 1942 before the Allied landings.

by THE HON.
EWEN
E. S. MONTAGU

Jewell had also taken General Giraud by submarine out of occupied France, for which he was awarded the MBE.

It seemed to be a good omen, having regard to the cargo, that I was able to report that at 1800 (8 p.m.) on April 19, 1943, HMS Seraph had sailed from the Holy Loch.

Here is an account I have received of the voyage:—

As the Seraph slid from the shadow of her depot ship and down the Clyde, the commander—he was only 20—saluted from the conning tower, then went below.

Of the five officers and 50 ratings on board, only he knew the secret of his odd piece of cargo.

The cylindrical metal canister now rested in a forward chamber of the submarine.

Because of its weight and shape, the six ratings who manoeuvred it into place joked about "John Brown's body." And there was many a wise-crack about "our new shipmate, Charlie."

Today, ten years later, those 50 ex-members of the Seraph's crew will be shaken to learn how close to the truth they were.

They had been told in the briefing for the trip that the metal canister contained a secret weather-reporting device to be floated experimentally off the coast of Spain. It was actually marked "Handle with Care—optical instruments—for special F.O.S. shipment."

For ten days the Seraph sailed and her crew saw nothing of the sun. Surfacing only at night, she was off Huelva, on the south-west coast of Spain, undetected and according to schedule, on April 30.

MYSTERIOUS

THE spot selected for floating "Major Martin" ashore was 1,600 yards off the mouth of the Huelva river.

In the afternoon the Seraph ventured an inshore reconnaissance. The periscope revealed a fishing fleet of about 50 vessels. But the prevailing mist and a mile detour helped the submarine to escape detection.

Then she went back to the sea bed for the rest of the day. Zero hour was 4.30 in the morning. When the Seraph surfaced again it was dark as pitch. The new moon had set and the ebb tide was just on the turn.

Through the conning tower went the five officers, and the submarine was trimmed down

until on inch of the calm sea lapped over the casing. The mysterious canister was hauled aloft.

Only then, with all ratings below, did Lieutenant Jewell let his officers into the secret. Lieutenant Jewell told them that the canister at their feet contained a corpse. The operation, he said, was part of an Allied plan to deceive the enemy into drawing his defensive forces away from the spot selected for the main thrust of the Mediterranean invasion. Phoney invasion plans were to be "planted" on the enemy through the medium of the body of this man, purporting to be "Major Martin," victim of an air crash at sea.

Huelva had been chosen for the "plant" because it was known that the German agent there was being well fed with military intelligence by local collaborators.

What a story to be sprung on you suddenly in the middle of the night with the Atlantic lapping round your head! But if the junior officers were shaken by their commander's dramatic and gruesome revelation they did not betray it.

Only reaction was the comment from one of them: "Isn't it pretty unlucky carrying dead bodies around?"

TENSION

THEN quickly and quietly the five set about their task. While three kept watch, the other helped Lieutenant Jewell to unlock the bolts of the canister with the spanner attached to the case. Ten minutes they worked before the lid came away.

Then the blanketed body was slid gently from its vacuum coffin. For a moment the tension was relieved as the officers stiffened with silent respect in the presence of death.

On his knees again, Lieutenant Jewell plucked at knotted tapes and the blanket fell away.

There followed the final check. Were the major's uniform and badges intact? Was his hand gripping the handle of the all-important despatch case? Was the case securely strapped to his belt?

Everything in order, Jewell bent low to inflate the major's "Moe West."

Only one thing remained—this: it was not in the routine instructions. Four young officers bent here heads in simple tribute as their commander murmured what, prayers he could remember from the Burial Service.

For them, sworn to secrecy, these words from Psalm 26 held a special significance:—"I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle; while the waddy is in my sight, I held my tongue and spake nothing: I kept silence, yea, even from good words: lest I see pain and grief to me."

A gentle push and the unknown warrior was drifting inshore with the tide on his last, momentous journey. "Major Martin" had gone to the war. With him went the hopes and prayers of millions. For on a Catalina crash there would be little or no floating wreckage. We decided, therefore, that Lieutenant Jewell should launch, some distance from the body, a rubber dinghy such as was used in Catalinas, with one aluminium oar only so as to simulate some degree of haste and that no other wreckage would be needed. The canister he would sink in deep water.

Fifteen minutes after surfacing the Seraph was outward bound again for Gibraltar and Algiers.

The dinghy was put overboard about half a mile away. This canister was sunk later and the Seraph continued her passage to Gibraltar, after sending a signal "Operation Mincement completed."

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ALL OVER

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CRYPTIC CARD

WHEN we got Lieutenant Jewell's full report it revealed that, apart from the risk that he took, his job could not have been a very pleasant one.

There had been rather more decomposition of the body than Sir Bernard Spilsbury had forecast, perhaps because of oxygen trapped in the uniform and blanket, but I did not consider that it would be out of proportion to what would have occurred through immersion from April 28 (the latest probable date of the crash) to April 30, when the body would probably be recovered.

We soon learned that this confidence was justified. It was at Algiers some weeks later that Lieutenant Jewell received a picture postcard from London which bore the cryptic but significant message: "You will be pleased to learn that the major is now very comfortable."

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NEXT WEEK

What happened when the "Major" was washed up ashore...

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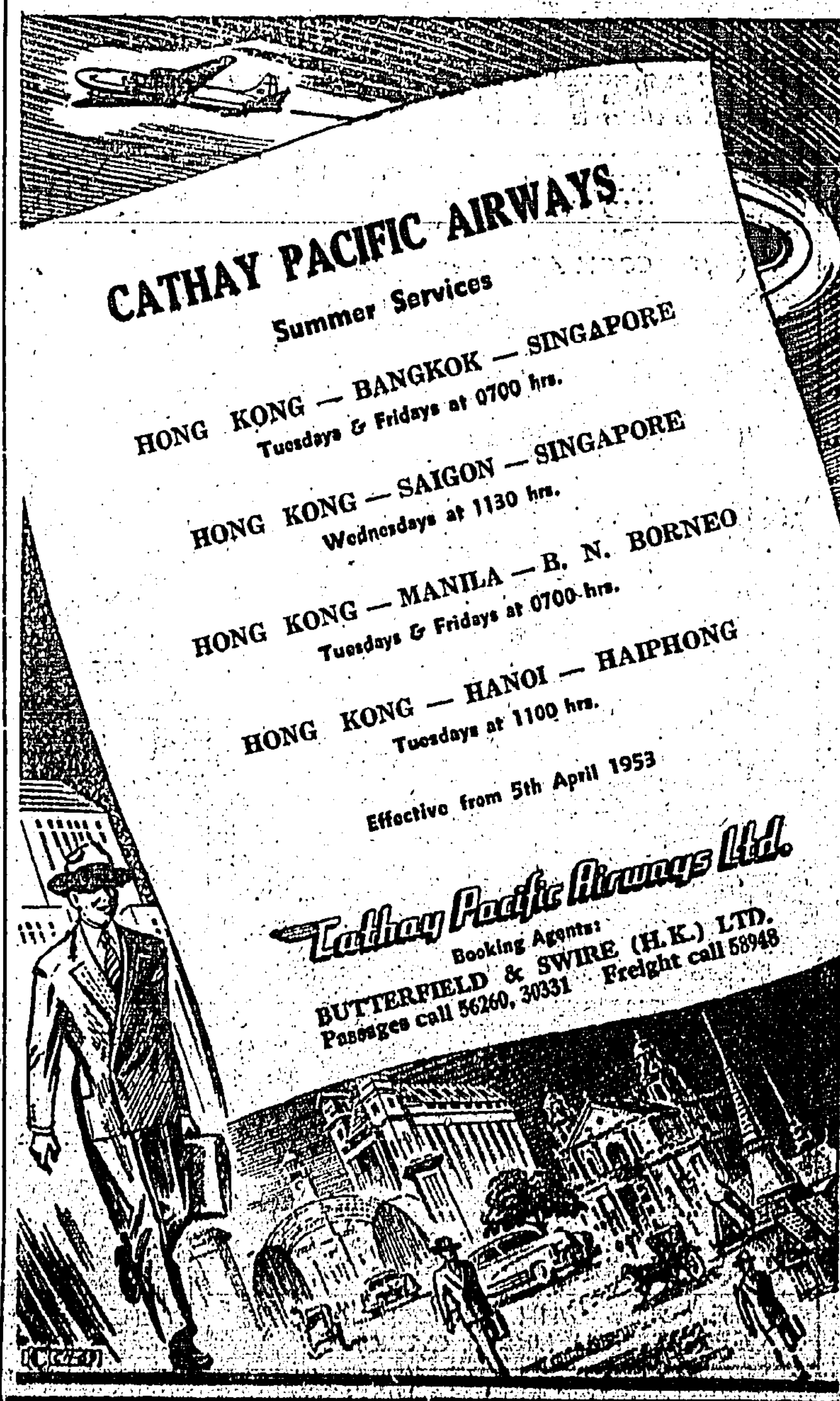
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NEW YORK. BELIEVE it or not, blind people are being used as plane-spotters in U.S. Civil Defence.

With their developed sense of hearing, they are invaluable in night spotting or when visibility is poor.

In such cases they are more valuable than sighted people for ground observer work," said Captain Henrikus, of the Air Defence Command.

"We have found they can pick up the noise of a plane's engines long before it comes into view. Some blind people can tell us how many engines an approaching aircraft has."

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"With a little more training some will be able even to identify the type of aircraft they hear."

ARTHUR D'AMICO wanted to join the navy.

Instead a detective knocked at the door and arrested him for a \$1,500 Brooklyn bank robbery at the pistol point. He has confessed. Police say that at 17 he is the youngest bank robber in history.

LORD DUNSANY, in California, for his first U.S. visit in 28 years, delivered this bit of

philosophy to security-minded Americans: "The wolf is always at the door. No good killing him. There is always another. He keeps us fit and even alive, if we are alert."

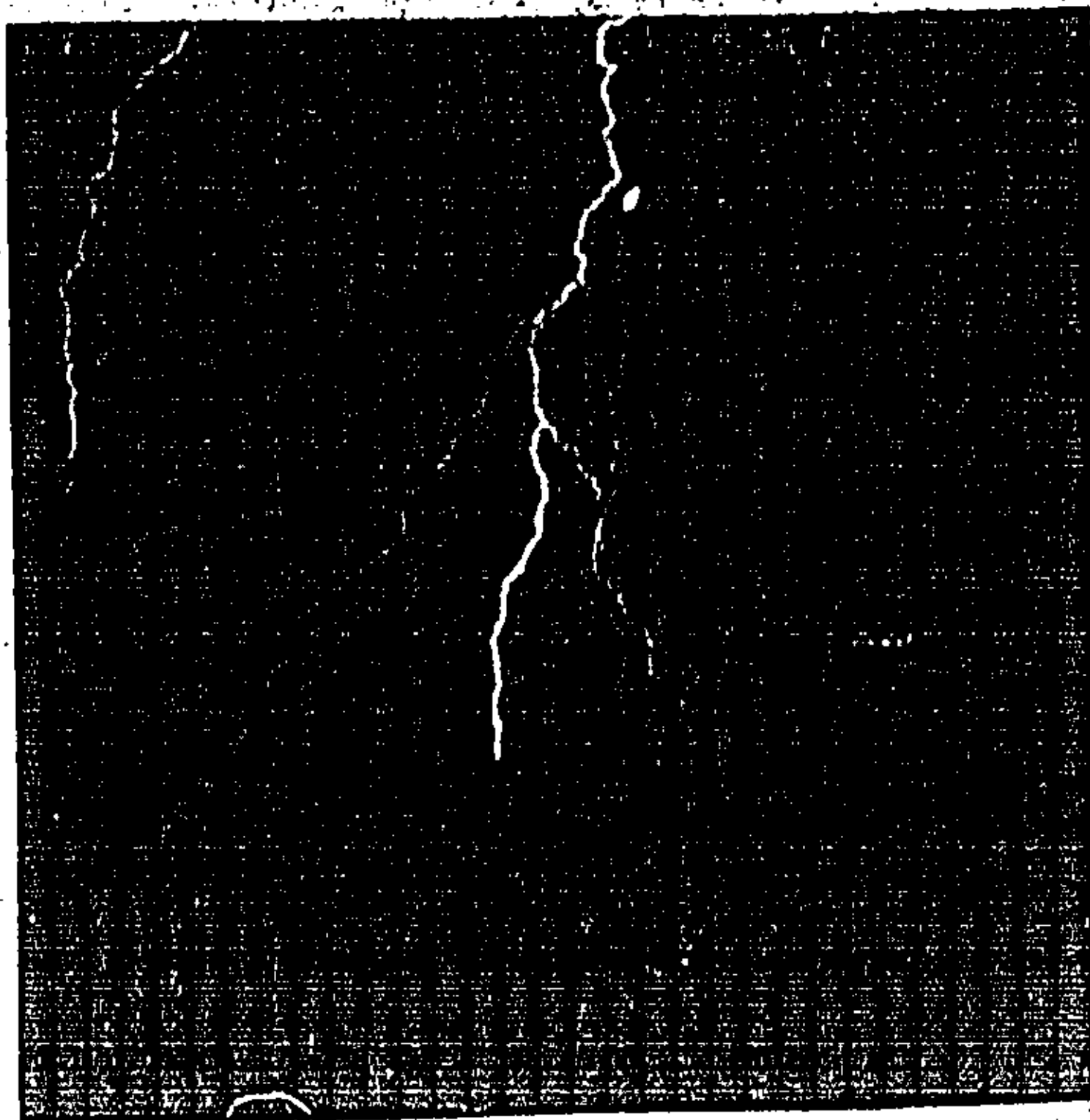
"MASTER X" is on his way out of the diplomatic service.

He is the Ambassador to Russia, George F. Kennan, ousted by Moscow for comparing life in Moscow with life he lived in a Nazi prison camp.

He got the title of Master X in 1947 for writing the famous article while head of the State Department's planning staff on the containment of Communism.

But he has been critical of a policy for liberating Russia's satellites. "This is a favorite theme of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles."

The SNAPSHOT GUILD



A simple time exposure will make dramatic lightning shots.

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WHEN it comes to putting on pyrotechnical shows, all honours go to Mother Nature when she etches the night sky with jagged bolts of lightning. And she gives you an opportunity to make some truly "different" pictures that will inject a dramatic note into your snapshot collection.

Spring, with its inevitable night thunderstorms, is the best time of year for making these pictures. My enthusiasm for lightning pictures stems largely from the fact that of all the unusual picture possibilities they are among the very easiest to make. Furthermore, you can make them with any camera equipped for time exposure.

Actually, the whole procedure is as simple as this—all you have to do is place the camera on a solid support, with the lens toward the lightning, and set it for a time exposure. You needn't worry about the lens opening, because the vividness of the lightning will insure a picture at any setting.

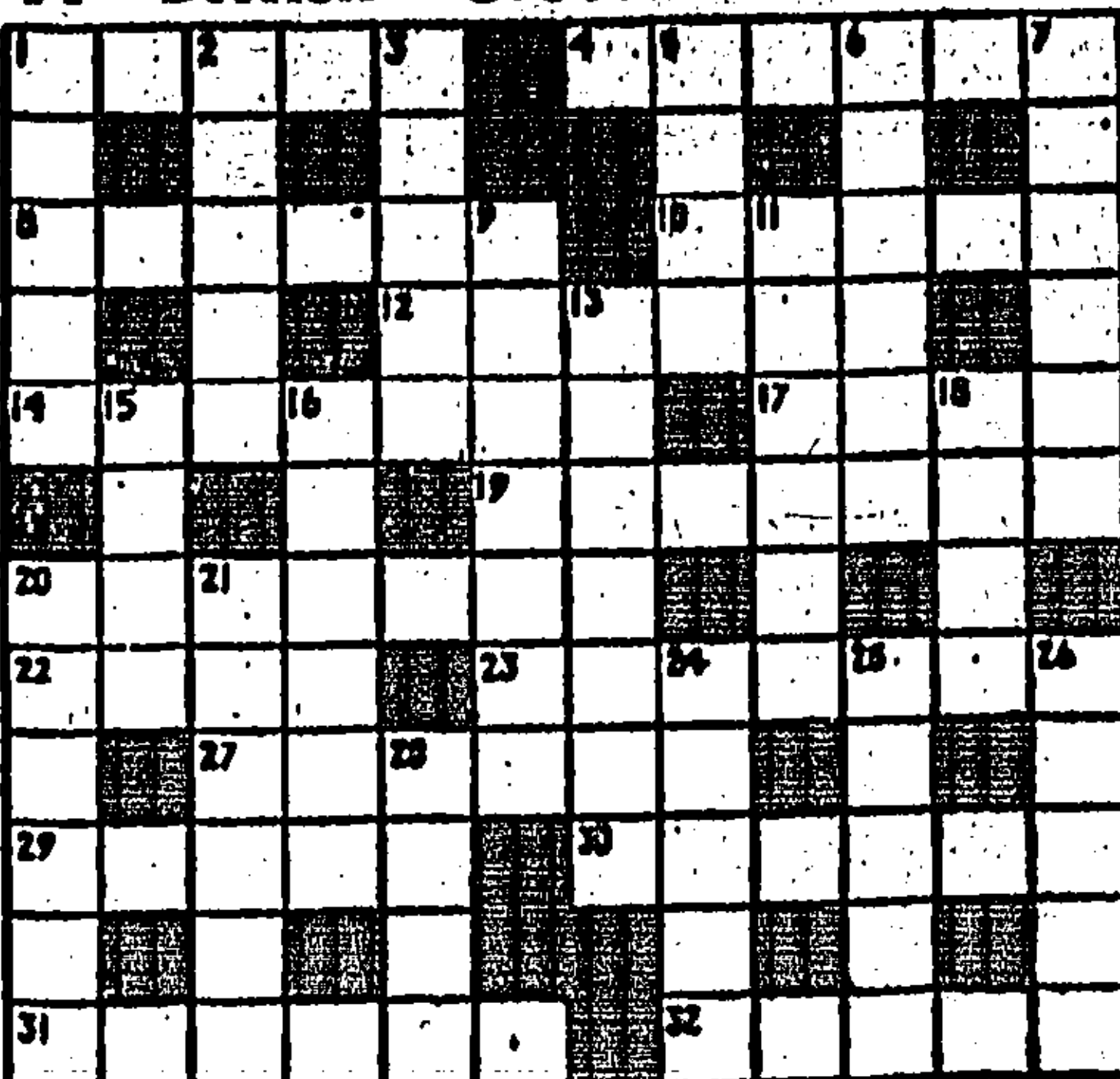
If the weather is merely in the threatening stage, you can set up your camera outdoors. When it is raining, you can keep both yourself and camera dry by simply shooting through a window.

You can't go far wrong on the length of exposure, either. You'll determine it on the basis of how many flashes you want in the picture. You may close the shutter

after the first flash, or leave it open so that several flashes register on the same film. If you choose to leave it open through many flashes, you'll end up with a fantastic, highly intricate maze of lightning lines. Of course, you won't have a true picture of a single flash, but you'll have something that is, to say the least, unusual.

—John van Guilder

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Form (5).
 - 4 Phlegmatic (6).
 - 8 Burial (5).
 - 10 Grates (5).
 - 12 Reparation (6).
 - 14 Overcoat (7).
 - 17 Animal (4).
 - 19 Discoloured (7).
 - 22 Minor diplomat (7).
 - 23 Casual talk (4).
 - 25 Rubbing out (7).
 - 27 Not so great (6).
 - 29 Corpulent (5).
 - 30 Swell (6).
 - 31 Decide (6).
 - 32 Put into office (5).
- DOWN
- 1 Principal (5).
 - 2 Change (5).
 - 3 Beat it (5).
 - 5 Mountain lake (4).
 - 6 Lecture (6).
 - 7 Sprinkled (6).
 - 9 Breaks up (7).
 - 11 Owns (5).
 - 13 Came in (7).
 - 15 Expensive (4).
 - 16 Delights (6).
 - 18 Rest against (4).
 - 20 Stage players (6).
 - 21 Special aptitude (6).
 - 24 Get up (5).
 - 25 Stupid (5).
 - 26 Welcome (5).
 - 28 Dispose of for money (4).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Harmless, 8 Prey, 9 Deviated, 11 Depleted, 13 Elms, 16 Radiator, 18 Remedied, 19 Item, 21 Molested, 23 Pastoral, 26 Calm, 27 Lessened. Down: 1 Sped, 2 Heap, 4 Abet, 5 Maid, 6 Extol, 7 Slide, 9 Debar, 10 Vexed, 12 Exact, 14 Scene, 16 Tense, 17 Recl, 19 Impel, 20 Ensnare, 21 More, 22 Late, 23 Trap, 24 Damp.

Ordeal By Ice

MAURICE HERZOG TELLS THE GRIM, DIGNIFIED STORY OF THE CONQUEST OF A MOUNTAIN

ANNAPURNA. By Maurice Herzog. Capo, 15s. 288 pages.

by GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

THERE are two reasons why this story should have been written—and should be read—and two reasons why Maurice Herzog had a claim to tell it.

Annappurna in the Himalayas was the first peak over 8,000 metres high to be climbed by man. The triumph of the French expedition of 1950 was not simply a brilliant and daring feat of mountaineering. It was also, as things turned out, an epic of human courage and suffering comparable with the finest, grimmest exploits in history.

Herzog has the right to tell the story of the expedition (1) because he led it, and (2) because he suffered most in it. He lost most of his fingers and toes from frostbite.

This is a book about climbing for those who do not climb; a book about mountaineering which will enthral those who are overcome by vertigo even when they look at a mountain from below.

panion, Lachenal, in reaching the peak. That last stage of the attack is something that all can understand. Herzog describes it with simplicity and power.

Long before describing the day of the final ascent—June 3, 1950—Herzog has a communique to us the strange sense of dedication which grips the climber's heart when he is faced by one of those supreme tests of nerve and endurance.

The reality of the impulse, the command that it lays on men's hearts, is accepted without question. The challenge of the peaks is there, and must be answered.

So Herzog clings (and we cling with him in imagination) to the tent poles of Camp V as dawn breaks on the last day of the attack. He and Lachenal set off, in their elderdown clothing through which the icy wind whistles. Frostbite is their greatest foe—how great a few hours will reveal. Mean-

time, they climb upwards with deceptive ease.

To Herzog the snow has a touching beauty; the mountains seem to belong to dreams; he smiles at the paltriness of his own efforts; he can stand apart and watch himself. It is the effect of hallucination produced by height and cold.

At last they reach the top! "Our hearts overflowed with an unspeakable happiness. If only the others could know! The summit was a corniced crest of ice, and the precipice on the far side, which plunged vertically down beneath us, was terrifying, unfathomable. There could be no other mountains in the world like this."

They took photographs, put up a French flag, thought with humility of their comrades in the camps below, through whose efforts and sacrifices success had come. "There are times when the most complex actions are suddenly summed up, distilled and strike you



MAURICE HERZOG. Not a thought for the socks.

with illuminating clarity, so it was with this irresistible upward surge which had landed us two feet."

Tragically arrives on the downward journey. Herzog's gloves, which he has taken off for a moment, slide irretrievably down the mountain. "Never for a minute did it occur to me to use as gloves the socks which I always carry in reserve for just such a mishap."

When the two climbers reach the nearest camp, "Maurice—your hands!" says someone. An uneasy silence falls. "My fingers were violet and white, and hard as wood." Floating on a sea of joy remote from reality, Herzog is the last to understand the gravity of what has happened. Feet as well as hands are affected.

The descent from Annappurna is a prolonged agony, dignified by courage and comradeship. Snow blindness, avalanches, loss of direction, oxygen affliction besets the party. There is a good surgeon with the expedition; probably his drugs and his knife save the lives of both Herzog and Lachenal.

Herzog's account of the ordeal is vivid, poignant and it is also vivid. At the very end of the journey, when the expedition is mounting the train for Kathmandu, capital of Nepal:

"With a sort of old broom made of twigs they pushed everything on the floor. In the midst of a heap of rubbish rolled an amazing number of toes of all sizes which were then swept on to the platform. Before the startled eyes of the natives."

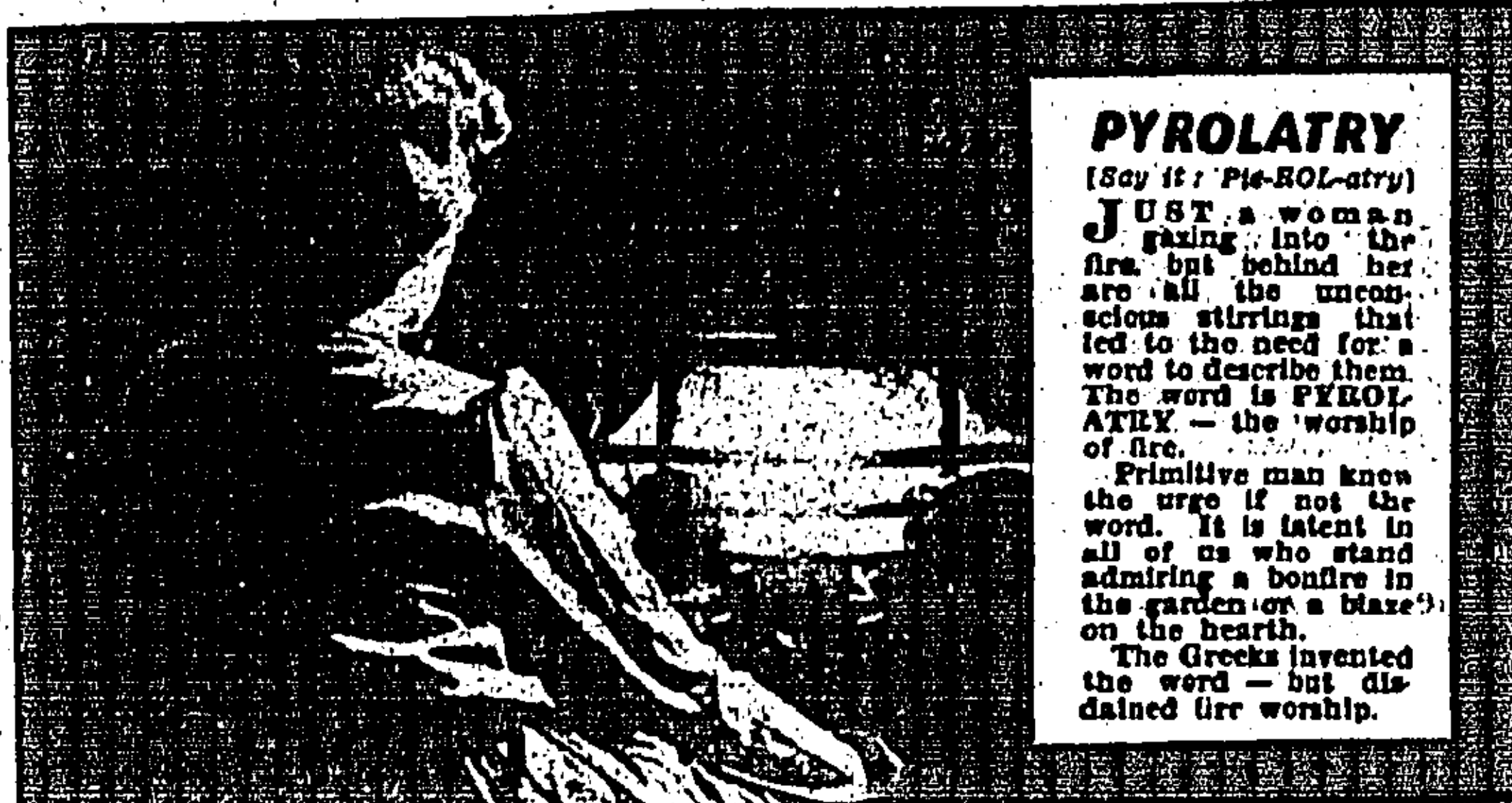
A year later Herzog was still in hospital, having "rather a bad time." But he was able to dictate this graphic account of stern adventure and glowing heroism which will become one of the classics of mountaineering.

THE BELOVED VAGABOND. By William J. Locke. The Bodley Head, 7s. 6d. 310 pages.

THERE was a tacit understanding between W. J. Locke and his admirers that his stories should represent a slight, but decisive, improvement on life—and that his characters should be made of some richer substance than flesh and blood. They were more daring, wittier and at the same time, both wiser and more foolish than we are.

They drew not on this earth, but in some golden climate usually called "France." Not the France of grasping waiters but France as glimpsed by a myopic sentimentalist travelling on a fast train to the Riviera.

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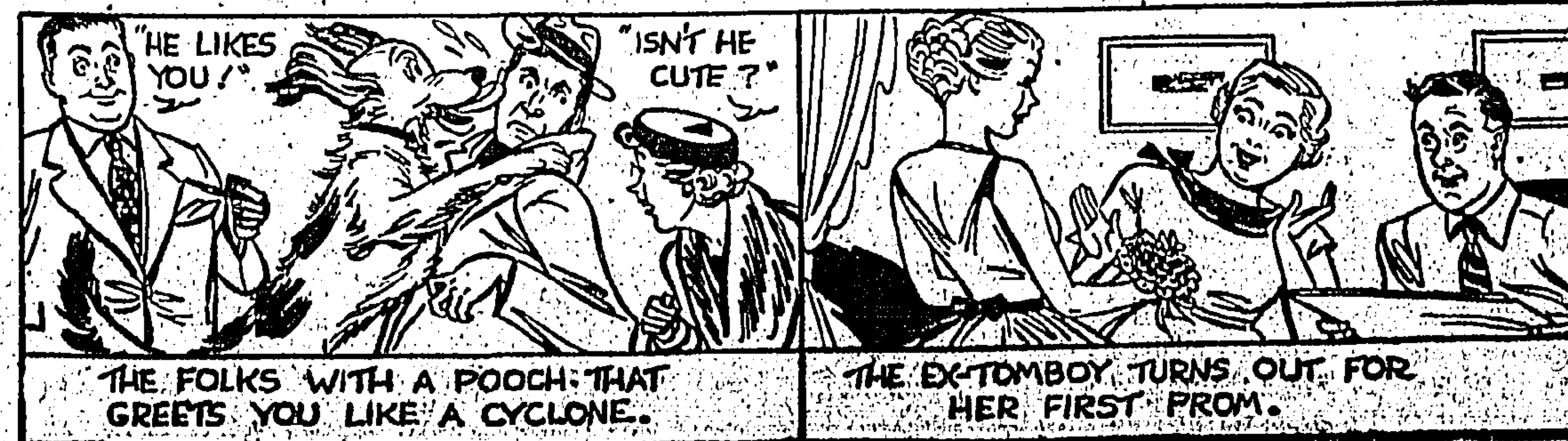
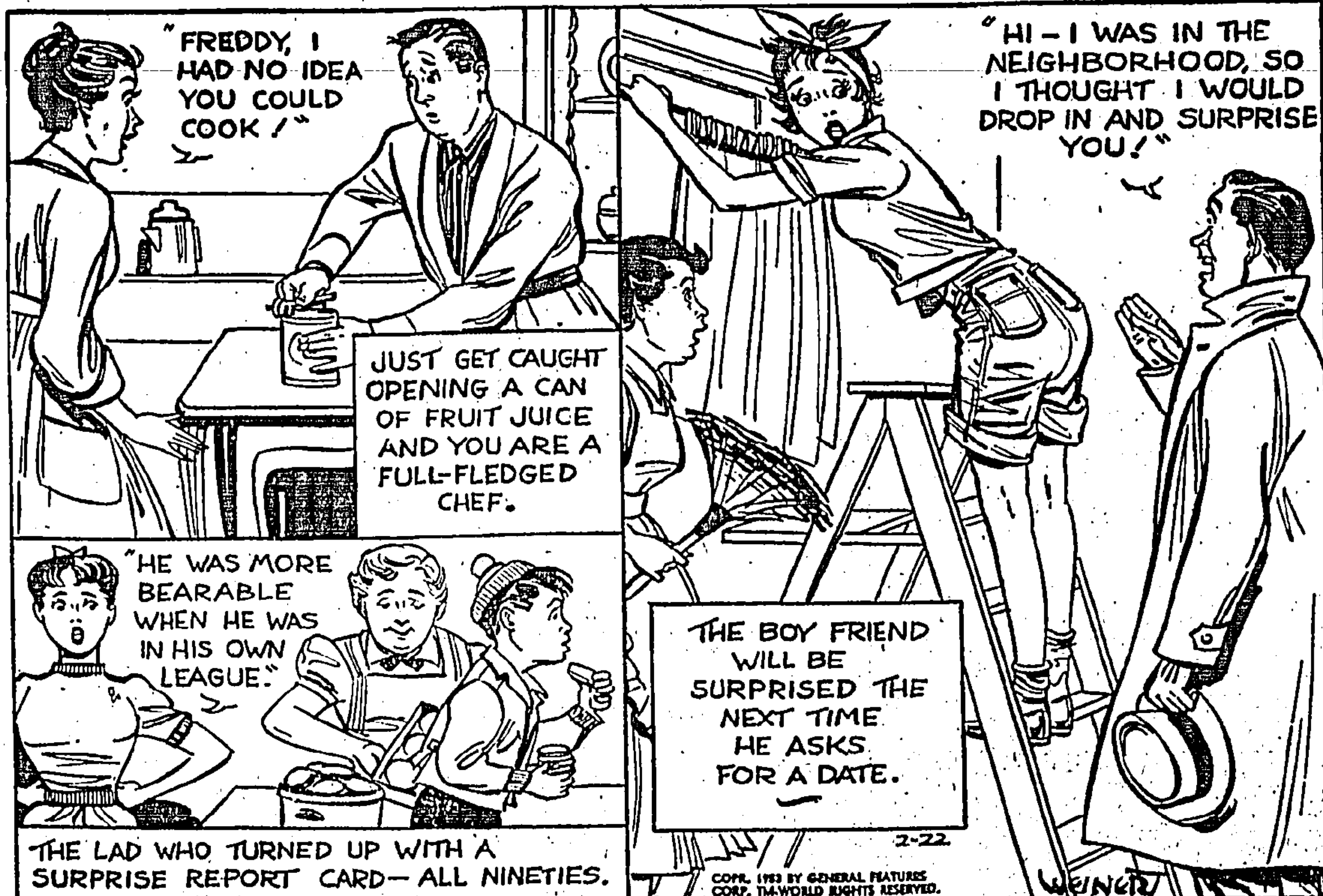
[Say it: PIR-OL-atry] JUST a woman is gazing into the fire, but behind her are all the unaccountable stirrings that led to the need for a word to describe them. The word is PYROLATRY. Attributed to the worship of fire. Primitive man knew the word, it is said, and it is latent in all of us who stand admiring a bonfire in the garden or a blaze on the hearth. The Greeks invented the word, but disdained fire worship.

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VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Those Sudden Surprises

BY HARRY WEINERT



How did this recipe work out in practice? While Locke lived, eminently well. Of his 30 books, he sold over 10 million copies. He was a best-seller in Britain, the United States and Russia. It enabled him (a poor scholarship boy from Barbados, where he was born in 1863, language master at Glenalmond, finally secretary of the Royal Institute of British Architects) to become the owner of a fine villa at Cannes, to tour the vineyards once a year at vintage time, and to pursue his hobby—study of famous criminal trials.

But the life of this tall, whimsical man "Don Quixote in patent boots and a fancy waistcoat" was not wholly a matter of plodding industry, well rewarded. He had his own private romance. One day, in a French circus, he fell in love with a pretty circus rider. She became his mistress; for two years Locke travelled everywhere with the circus, doing any odd job that offered. After that all his romances were written ones. He married a strong-minded woman and had—in all but legal fact—two children, the survivor of whom, Mr Leslie Mitchell, the broadcaster is present owner of the Locke copyrights.

How does the Locke formula for success stand up to the test of time? The Beloved Vagabond, now in a new edition 46 years after its first appearance? The story has a frail structure, a light wit and no pretensions. The adventure it recounts may be unlikely, but implausibility is gracefully carried off. The central character, the Vagabond himself, is an amusing charlatan, to whose frothy charm and bogus "philosophy" we succumb willingly enough.

Locke, in short, writes to please, a rare quality which ought to ensure Leslie Mitchell a substantial unearned income in 1953.

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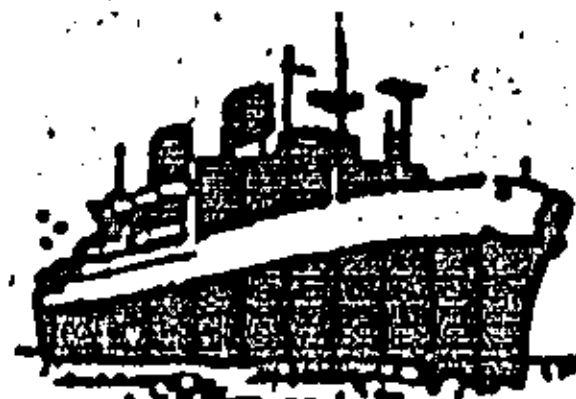
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"HUIFEN"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	9th Apr.
"FOOCHOW"	Djokarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	8 a.m.	10th Apr.
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"SHENKING"	Keelung	7 a.m.	8th Apr.
"FENGTEEN"	Bangkok	8 a.m.	9th Apr.
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"BENMACDHUI"	Japan 11th Apr.
"BENARTY"	U.K. via Singapore 11th Apr.
"BENVORLICH"	U.K. on or abt. 20th Apr.
"BENVYVIS"	U.K. 28th Apr.
"BENAVON"	Japan 7th May
"BENVENUE"	U.K. 14th May

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"BENCLUCH"	Singapore, Genoa, Liverpool, Antwerp and Hamburg. 4th Apr.
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"BENAVON"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama. 11th Apr.
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"BENAVON"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London, Antwerp and Hull. 8th May
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MR. PUNCH'S STRANGE LANDS

—Have You Ever Heard of Sieveland or Thumbria?—

By MAX TRELL

"DEAR me," Mr Punch was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "when I was young I travelled to countries and countries."

"Countries and countries?" Hanid repeated.

"What kind of countries?" asked Knarf.

"The strangest kind of countries. For example, there was the Kingdom of Sieveland. That was certainly a strange country. The people who lived there had sleeves instead of heads."

"Sleeves? You mean the kind of things that Mother uses to sift flour through when she's baking?" Hanid said in surprise.

Mr. Punch nodded. "And other kinds, too. I never saw so many different kinds of sleeves in my life. You'd think people would mind having sleeves instead of heads. But no—they were quite satisfied with them. In fact, His Majesty the King of Sieveland, at whose palace I was a guest of honour during my visit, told me that not one of his subjects ever thought that having a real head was the least bit better than having a sleeve for one."

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"How much stays in your head?" the King asked Mr. Punch.

"Well—it may not look like a sieve, but it may act like one just the same. That's the funny thing about heads. I was rather glad to leave that country. I began to feel very uncomfortable."

"And where did you go next?" Knarf wanted to know.

"Next I went to the Land of Thumbria."

"Thumbria? Where's that?"

"I can't show it to you on the map," Mr. Punch answered, "because it always keeps moving around. But I found it right. It was a strange land, too. It was called Thumbria because everyone who lived there had thumbs."

"But everyone in every land has thumbs," Hanid pointed out. "Look, we have thumbs, and so have you."

Ten Thumbs

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